

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Fair Deal Call

THE subject of taxation provided the major interest at Wednesday's Legislative Council meeting, the Financial Secretary being occupied first in explaining why Government had decided to abolish the liquor and meals tax and increase excise duties on certain types of liquor, and later in introducing for first reading a Bill authorising the issuing of tax reserve certificates.

The Financial Secretary made no attempt to hide his relief at being able to rid Government and the public of an unworkable imposition, and as nobody regrets the removal of taxation, abandonment of the levy on meals and drinks consumed in restaurants and hotels is widely welcomed.

MANY, however, will pause and ponder over one reason which prompted Government's decision. According to the Hon Arthur Clarke, complaints had been made that the 10 per cent tax on meals and intoxicating liquors placed restaurants at a heavy disadvantage in competing with clubs and with outside catering. Secretaries, treasurers and committee members of clubs in the Colony will not only learn of this intelligence with surprise, but will not believe it. It simply isn't true, and it is astonishing that restaurants should seriously advance such a complaint and that Government should have given it credence.

It is only necessary to consider the very limited number of clubs which attempt full catering on the lines of a restaurant to appreciate that they never have been and never will be dangerous competitors to restaurants or hoteliers. A much more convincing reason for eliminating the meals and liquor tax is that which the Financial Secretary mentioned in passing, namely that it was an unpopular imposition "much evaded illegally."

There will be general agreement that if a tax can be and is successfully evaded both legally and illegally, then the best thing to do is to put an end to such a futile imposition. QUIT the most important part of the Financial Secretary's speech was the revelation of Government's concession to restaurants and hotels by the abolition of licence fees based on rateable value of premises and the application of a flat rate fee of \$500, with an additional \$500 if a bar is kept. This represents a very substantial gain for the Colony's larger catering establishments, and it will be interesting to see whether proper appreciation of the gesture will be displayed in the way of refusing to pass on to consumers the increased excise duty on spirits.

Mr Clarke expresses the opinion that the cost to the consumer of a drink on licensed premises should not be increased; indeed, except in the case of Chinese liquor, it could and should be reduced. It is a pleasant, warming prospect, and we shall be among the first to congratulate the proprietors of licensed premises if they accept the Financial Secretary's proposition as willingly as they will embrace his new licensing system.

Hongkong's

A full page of pictures of Hongkong's dazzling annual exhibition of industry and its products appears in tomorrow's China Mail.

This special feature gives you a glimpse of the fascinating display that is drawing thousands daily to the well-lit "streets."

This is only one of the highlights in the Saturday Mail.

"PARTY MUST DECIDE"—GAITSKELL

A Bitter Fight For Attlee's Position Forecast



MORRISON



BEVAN

PRISON FOR STUDENT

London, Dec. 8. Itaz Ahmad Malik, 27, a student from Lahore, was today sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment for fraudulently converting a cheque for £100 to his own use.

Malik was sent to prison for 12 months in November for larceny and two days later he received a sentence of nine months for a similar offence.

A detective inspector said Malik committed the present offence owing to "his addiction to night clubs, high living and women."

The defence counsel said Malik came from a wealthy family who were not going to abandon him and the judge said he hoped that Malik would decide at the end of his sentence that London was no place for him.—France-Press.

Beggar Who Owns 30-Acre Farm

Peshawar, Pakistan, Dec. 8. A beggar, rounded up with 50 others and sent to the new municipal poorhouse, was released when it was found he owned a house and a 30-acre farm.

He said begging was his hereditary profession.

Many others, dressed in rags, also demanded to be let out. One said he was afraid the poorhouse would be unable to supply his customary six cups of tea, three packets of cigarettes and "ration" of opium a day.—China Mail Special.

Neutrality Acknowledged

Vienna, Dec. 8. West Germany has acknowledged the neutrality of Austria, a government spokesman said here tonight.—Reuters.

Exhibition In Pictures

Evelyn Irons writes about a book on the late Welsh poet Dylan Thomas which she said she read "with horrid fascination."

Peter Dacre writes on a young subaltern in the Royal Scots Greys and his circle of friends. The subaltern is No. 44787 in the Army records but he also happens to be the Duke of Kent.

POSTAL VOTE TOMORROW

London, Dec. 8. Mr Hugh Gaitskell, who is tipped as new leader of the British Labour Party, tonight repulsed a move to make him withdraw his candidature.

The move, supported by his arch rival Aneurin Bevan, rebel leader of the Party's leftwing, would have given an uncontested victory in the fight for power to Mr Herbert Morrison, 67-year-old deputy leader.

Mr Bevan, reckoned to have little chance of the leadership but eager to keep Mr Gaitskell out, agreed to withdraw his candidature if the former Chancellor of the Exchequer would do the same.

But Mr Gaitskell's answer was to tell reporters: "I propose to allow my name to stand. I have the highest regard for Mr Morrison, but I think the Party should have the opportunity of choosing."

The decision by the 49-year-old Gaitskell meant that the knives were unsheathed for a bitter fight.

Had Mr Gaitskell agreed to withdraw, Mr Morrison would have automatically have been elected party leader tomorrow in succession to Mr Clement Attlee, 72, who resigned yesterday and was made an earl by the Queen.

All three candidates — Mr Morrison, Mr Gaitskell and Mr Bevan — have been nominated for the contest, which is by secret postal ballot of parliament members. Result of the contest, first of its kind for 20 years, will be announced next Wednesday.

The move to help Mr Morrison came from influential Members of Parliament, including five former ministers.

Adroit Move

Mr Bevan divulged it in a statement saying he had been approached and was willing to stand down in favour of Mr Morrison if other nominees did likewise.

Political commentators saw this as an adroit move by the ex-minister to put Mr Gaitskell in an uncomfortable position. The effect of this was to imply that Mr Gaitskell would be responsible for any split in the Party if he refused to withdraw. Curiously, the mediators do not appear to have approached Mr Gaitskell.

The Bevanites would have been glad to see Mr Morrison elected because at his age his appointment would be a comparatively short-term affair. Mr Bevan is recognised to have practically no chance of the leadership in the present contest. But in a few years he may have built up the power and prestige he lost as a result of his repeated clashes with the official leadership.

Likely Result

Labour experts, working out the probabilities of voting in the secret ballot, reckoned tonight that Mr Gaitskell would win even in a triangular contest.

But unless he had a majority over the combined vote of the other candidates, there will have to be a second ballot. In this the candidate at the bottom of the poll in the first ballot will drop out.

Parliamentarians said a possible move by Mr Bevan might be still to withdraw his candidature and allow the votes of his supporters to be switched to Mr Morrison. This would undoubtedly greatly improve Mr Morrison's chances.

Some visualised an attempt to persuade Mr Gaitskell to

change his mind and leave Mr Morrison the prize.—Reuters.

He was walking along Horseguards Parade when he saw flames coming from one of the rooms. He climbed over a wall and went in to the building through a window and started trying to beat the fire out.

But it was too much for him so he dialled the fire brigade but found the telephone line was dead.

Meanwhile passersby had called firemen and when they arrived they found Jones still trying to put out the flames.

The police were called and Jones was taken to the nearest police station.

After he had slept and had breakfast at the Metropolitan Police, he was questioned by detectives.

They were satisfied with his explanation of what had happened after he took them to the Admiralty, showed the wall he climbed over, how he got in and what he had used to quell the flames.

Later he was taken to a Salvation Army hostel, where he will stay until a job is found for him.

The flames swept through a 17th century wing of the building known as "Admiralty" because of its connection with Britain's greatest sea power.—China Mail Special.



GAITSKELL

MEMBERSHIP CRISIS

Nationalist China Makes A New Move

New York, Dec. 8. Nationalist China made a fresh move in the membership crisis tonight by submitting separate resolutions calling on the Security Council to approve 13 countries.

This list omitted Russian-sponsored Communist countries, and struck out Finland and Nepal from the West's list in favour of South Korea and South Vietnam.

A British spokesman commented tonight that the implications behind these resolutions seemed to be out of line with the resolution passed earlier by the Assembly "and unlikely to be generally acceptable."

Submission of the Nationalist Chinese resolutions may lead to a new procedural struggle on whether they should be considered before the Assembly resolution calling for admission of all 18 applicants.

The Security Council will meet on Saturday.—Reuters.

HE WAS SUSPECTED OF ARSON

Youth Who Tried To Put Out Admiralty Fire

London, Dec. 8. A homeless 21-year-old youth who tried to put out a fire in the Admiralty early today finished up in a police cell — suspected of having started the blaze.

He is Robert Jones, who left the West of England resort of Weston-super-Mare — 140 miles away — two days ago to tramp to London looking for work.

BBC In Trouble

London, Dec. 8. The British Broadcasting Corporation is to be reported to the Director of Public Prosecutions for taking a television picture of Mrs Margaret Comer and her husband, Jack Comer, in the Old Bailey at the close of the "Comer case."

Mrs Comer had been fined £50 for her part in conspiring to falsify evidence to clear her self-styled gangster husband in a knife fight.

At the Old Bailey Central Court, the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Goddard, said today that in English law, it was an offence to take pictures of the Judge, jurors, witnesses or defendants in the building or the precinct.—China Mail Special.

FOSTER DULLES PROCLAIMS—

Asian Leaders Will Not Easily Be Duped By Russians

Chicago, Dec. 8. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles said tonight that the "retaliatory power" of the United States against Communist moves anywhere is one of the principal guarantees of peace in the world.

The Secretary also said, in a speech prepared for delivery before the Illinois Manufacturers Association, that Asian leaders would not be "easily duped by false promises" being made by Soviet leaders.

His talk also jashed at the Russians for their refusal to agree on terms for the reunification of Germany, and reiterated his hope that the United States would stand by its intention "to see that the captive nations of the Communists 'become free'."

Mr Dulles said, "On the one hand, a political warning system, and on the other, selective retaliatory power, constitute in combination a firm foundation for peace. If we want peace to continue, we must preserve that foundation intact."

The Secretary said that the "political warning system" which he referred to "was contained in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and the security pacts which the United States has with Korea, Japan, the Philippines, Nationalist China, New Zealand, Australia, Turkey, Pakistan, Iraq and Iran."

He said, "Together they constitute a worldwide political warning system. They prevent the despots from miscalculating that they can use Red armies to conquer weaker nations one by one."

A DETERRENT

In speaking of the "deterrent of retaliatory power," Mr Dulles repeated part of a December 29, 1950, speech which he had made under the auspices of the American Association of the United Nations, and in which he had said, "As against the possibility of full-scale attack by the Soviet Union itself, there is only one effective defence for the United States and its allies. That is the capacity to counter-attack. That is the ultimate deterrent... The arsenal of retaliation should include all forms of counter-attack with a maximum of flexibility."

Mr Dulles said that the United States earnestly desires some effective way of limiting arms, but in the meantime intends to keep its strength at safe levels.

"We earnestly strive for some dependable system for limitation of armaments," he said. "Until we succeed in such efforts, we and our allies must constantly maintain forces, weapons and facilities necessary to deter armed aggression, large or small. That is an indispensable price of peace."

FALSE PROMISES

In an obvious reference to the Russian psychological offensive in the Middle East and South Asia, in which he spoke of the Soviet promises which are "falling," Mr Dulles said, "We need not become panicky because Soviet Communism now disports itself in this new garb. We need not assume, as some seem to assume, that the leaders in the Asian countries are unaware of danger and easily duped by false promises. These leaders have, indeed, had much political experience and have helped to win great political successes for their countries."

Blaming the Russians for the failure of the Geneva Foreign Ministers' conference to achieve any positive results on German unification, Mr Dulles said, "The Soviet Union took the rigid position that it could accept no proposals for Germany, however reasonable, if they might enable the German people to get rid of those whom the Soviet has picked to rule in the Eastern Soviet zone of Germany."

"The result is that the west must continue to maintain the pressure of world opinion for (Glasgow, Glasgow, Oct. 3)

French Elections

LEFT-WING ALIGNMENT ANNOUNCED

Paris, Dec. 8. Former French Premier Mendes-France, who is Vice-President of the Radical Socialist Party, and Guy Mollet, Secretary-General of the Socialist Party, today decided to establish a common front between their parties to fight the French General elections to be held on January 2.

The "front" will be open to other parties.

The Socialist leader in a statement to the press said the right-wing parties were making a big mistake in seeking elections on the electoral system of 1851 and in trying to rebuild a majority on the same basis as four years ago.

"BIG SWING"

There had been a big swing over in public opinion which was now resolved on a complete change of policy, he said. Immediately after the constitution of the new Assembly the new front would urge the adoption of electoral reform and of a new system of voting, Mollet said.

He denied reports, however, that he had proposed the dissolution of the new Assembly immediately after the adoption of electoral reform and a second appeal to the voters.—France-Press.

WOMAN LOST AT SEA

Capetown, Dec. 8. The Dutch liner Bloemfontein reported a woman passenger missing at sea when it arrived here today.

Ship's officers refused to give details, but passengers said Mrs A. G. Bell, 51, of Roy Roy Beach Hill, Natal, was believed to have fallen overboard during the night of Dec. 1.

She and her husband had attended a fancy dress ball and had retired to separate cabins, the passengers said.

They said the liner turned and retraced its path the next morning, but failed to find her.—United Press.

INTEGRITY OF LONDON POLICE: GOVT REFUSES PUBLIC INQUIRY

London, Dec. 8. A Labour member of Parliament, Mr Arthur Lewis, failed tonight to induce the Government to hold a public inquiry "to allay suspicions" about the integrity of the London police.

Mr Lewis said there was public distrust at allegations of bribery and corruption among certain London policemen.

The Home Secretary, Mr Gwilym Lloyd George, said the original newspaper reports were "grossly inaccurate." The allegations had been fully investigated and he was "entirely satisfied."

Mr Lloyd George said there had already been an inquiry by the Commissioner of Police, Sir John Nott-Bower, and his report had said only eight policemen were concerned.

One was gaoled for conspiracy to pervert the course of justice and inquiries were still going on concerning another policeman.

The report added that no evidence was found to substantiate allegations of perjury or corruption against the other six.—China Mail Special.

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MOROCCO CABINET MEETS FOR

FIRST TIME
But French Guard
Against Possible
New Uprising

Rabat, Dec. 8.

Premier Si Bekkal's new Cabinet met the Resident General, Andre Dubois, to set up coming negotiations on independence for Morocco within interdependence with France.

Afterward the Cabinet—invested only yesterday—was to hold its first formal meeting against a background of unrest.

Alleged Joker
Will Be
Punished

London, Dec. 8.

An American airman who allegedly told an English farmer "You are expensable," will be punished, a statement from the US Third Air Force said here today.

The airman's remark was mentioned by Lord Wile in a debate on noise from American aircraft at the House of Lords yesterday.

Major-General Roscoe C. Wilson, commander of the US Third Air Force, has written a letter to Lord Wile in which he says: "For one of our officers to make such a statement, even as a joke, is deplorable."

"The United States Air Force will not condone such a cavalier attitude towards the rights of others. I assure you that a full investigation of this matter will be made and the appropriate disciplinary steps taken." — China Mail Special.

Research Flight
Ends Disastrously

Newport, Isle of Wight, Dec. 8.

A Javelin jet fighter, planned as the mainstay of Britain's defence against atom bombers, crashed near the Isle of Wight today during a research flight.

The pilot bailed out and was picked by Air Force helicopter.

The all-weather delta-winged Javelin is reported to be capable flying at 50,000 feet at speeds of up to 700 miles an hour. First service versions are due for delivery to the Royal Air Force at the end of this month. — China Mail Special.

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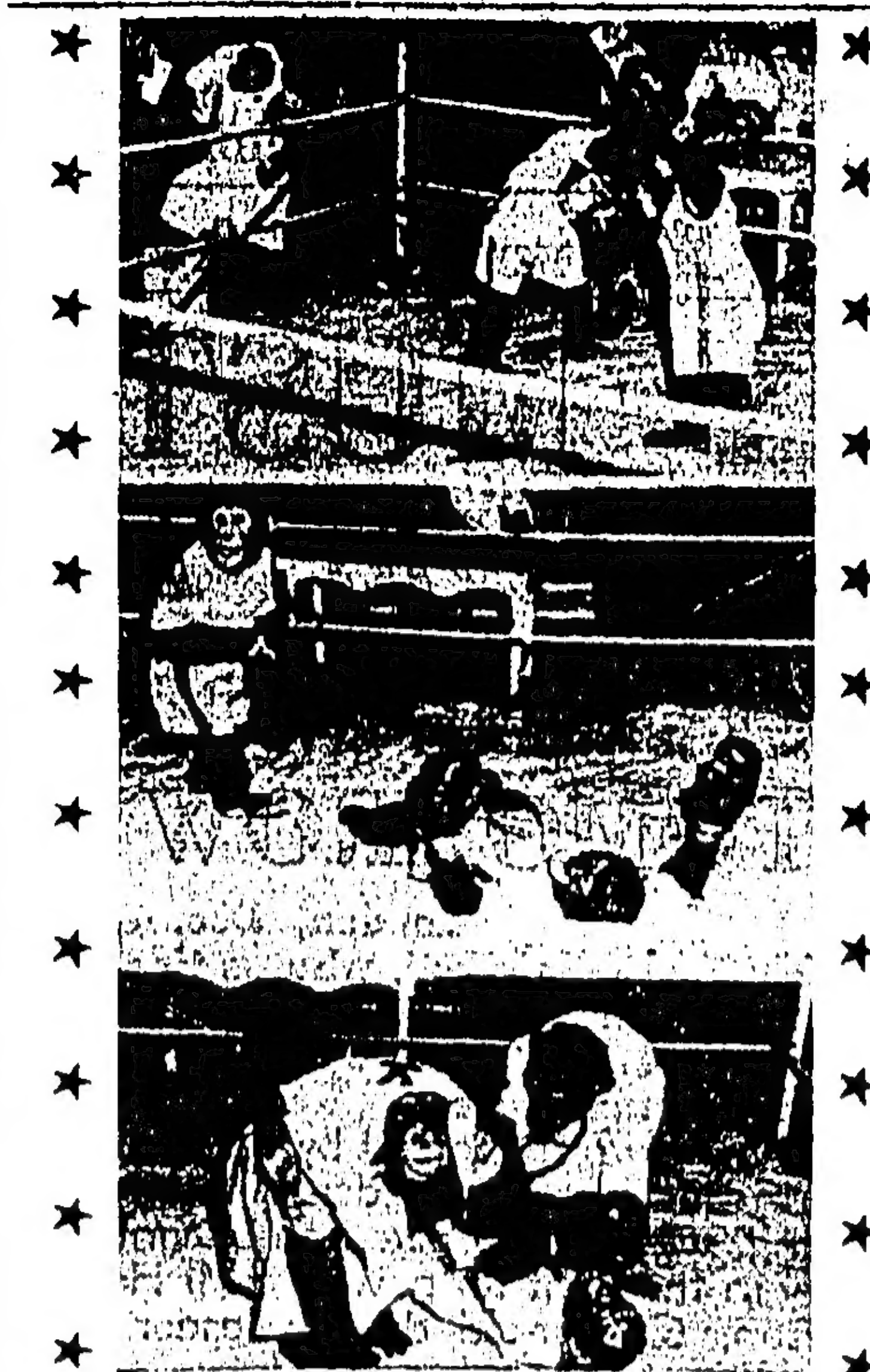
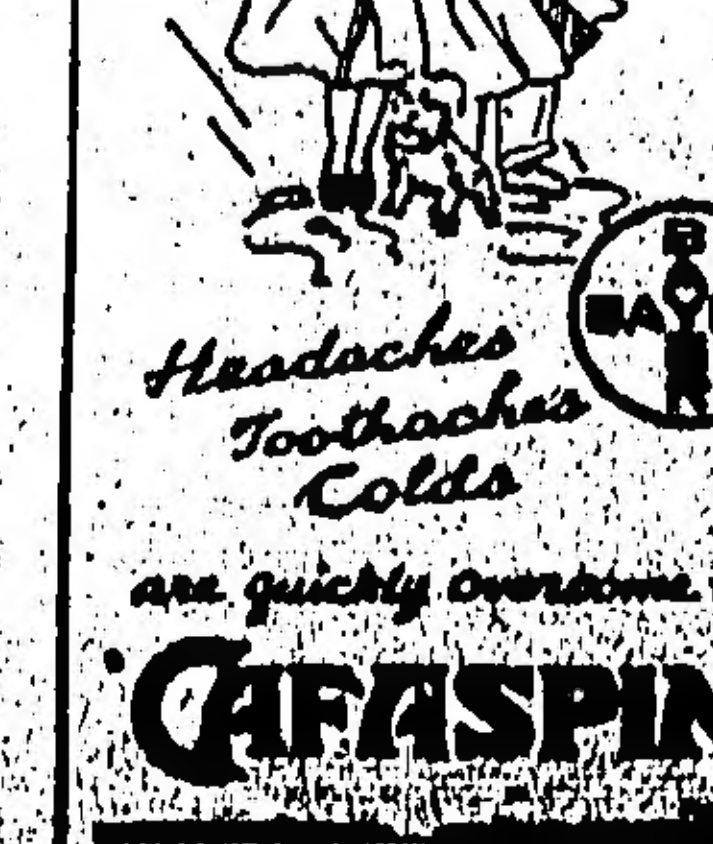
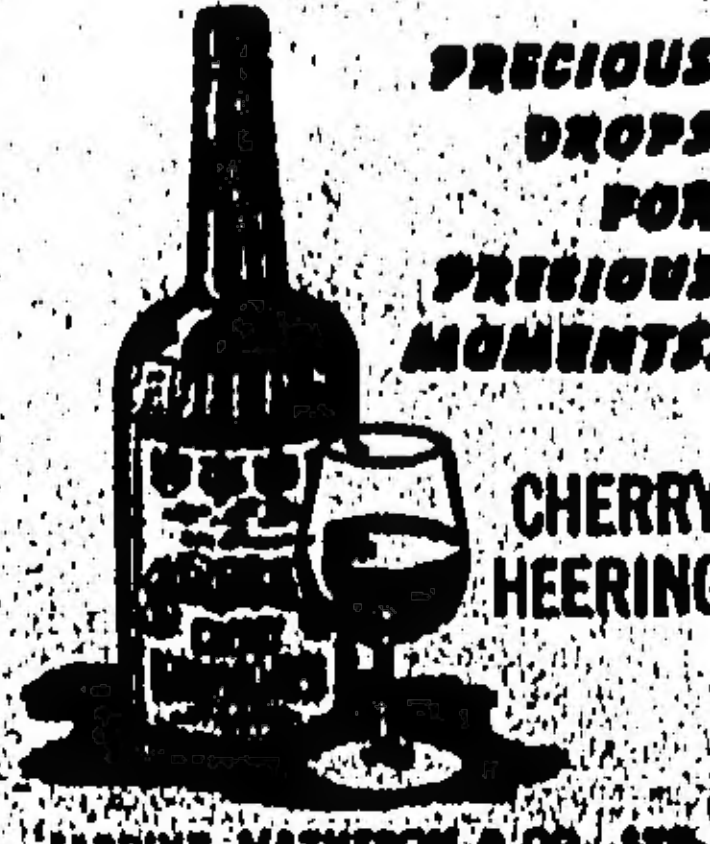
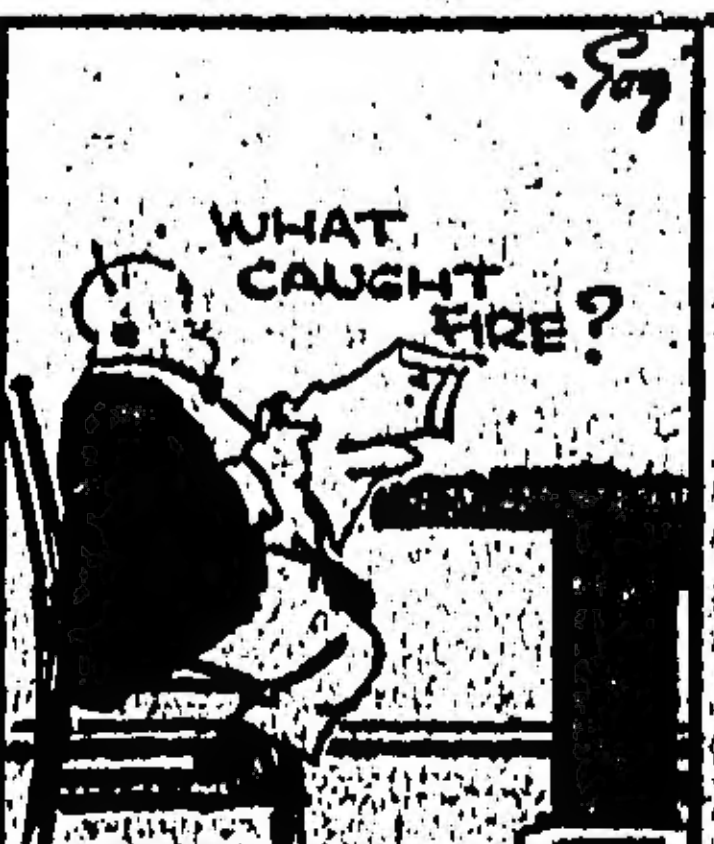
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POP



With Christmas near British circuses are busy rehearsing, and the hardest-working members of the sawdust troupe are undoubtedly the chimpanzees. Accompanying pictures show their keenness in training for their daily bout of stunts. They're the only fighters in existence who started their boxing careers punch-drunk.

Picture shows left: Billy the Champ v. Pepe—and Janet the nurse is there in case there's bloodshed.

Picture shows right: Pepe is in a bad way, poor fellow—has to have attention from both nurse and doctor.—Express Photo.

BARTER BUST
FOR BATON

Cairo, Dec. 8.

An Egyptian Government committee today urged the Government to barter with Germany the baton presented by Hitler to Marshal von Brauchitsch, for a bust of Queen Nefertiti, 13-year-old bride of Pharaoh Amenophis the Fourth.

The suggestion was made by the committee in charge of the Egyptian royal palace inventory in a report to the Finance Ministry.

The baton came into ex-King Farouk's private collection at some point after the Second World War.

The West German Government considered it as an historic souvenir, since Adolf Hitler presented it to Von Brauchitsch in person.

The German Government persuaded the Egyptian Government to withdraw the baton from the auction sale of Farouk's personal effects, but it has not been returned to Germany.

Egypt has for many years claimed the restoration of the bust of beautiful young Queen Nefertiti from the German museum authorities. — France-Press.

Police Units
Turned Over
To Tunisia

Tunis, Dec. 8.

France's High Commissioner in Tunisia, M. Roger Seydoux, announced today that France has turned over to the Tunisian Government several internal security police units.

Speaking at a press conference, M. Seydoux said other police forces still in French hands will be transferred gradually to the Tunisian authorities.

M. Seydoux said in the meantime there are no longer any political prisoners in prisons here.

The French National Assembly recently passed a general amnesty law, aimed at freeing the prisoners.

Mr. Seydoux said Tunisia should "inspire confidence" to obtain the aid it needs to better the living conditions of its people. He called on Tunisians to abide by the French-Tunisian conventions on home rule, signed last June. — France-Press.

GENEVA MEETING SHOWED:

The Iron Curtain Is
Still Impenetrable

New York, Dec. 8.

Mr. Anthony Nutting, British Minister of State, said here today that the Geneva foreign ministers' meeting had proved that "the iron curtain is still impenetrable and that those who have erected it are not negotiable."

He told a luncheon meeting of the National Association of Manufacturers, biggest employers' organization in the United States, that the conference had been valuable as "a salutary corrective to the undue optimism which pervaded the world after the 'summit' conference at Geneva last July."

The world knew, he said, "go on leaning against the Soviet Union." "We must be ever ready to settle upon reasonable terms which offer freedom and security to all parties to the settlement."

Blunt Admission

"I notice," Mr. Nutting went on, "that Mr. Khrushchev (the Soviet Communist Party chief) speaking in Burma two days ago is reported to have said that communism would achieve its victory in the world without war and that in fact 'war can only harm us'."

"In the light of recent history, in the light of all that we know and have come to experience of Communist tactics, we could hardly have a blunter or franker admission of what the Soviet Union is still up to in the world at large."

The free world must not relax its vigilance, its defenses or its unity, Mr. Nutting declared. "We must stand for our faith as well as against the conspiracy which seeks to overwhelm us," he said. "We must, as Harold Macmillan (British Foreign Secretary) put it not long ago

Middle East

Turning to the Middle East, Mr. Nutting said: "We have shown, and we shall go on showing, that it is the Western powers who are trying to bring peace and concert to the Middle East, while the Communist powers are trying to spread disruption and disension." — Reuters.

No Increase In
German
Forces

Bonn, Dec. 8.

A West German Defence Ministry spokesman said today that German rearmament would remain strictly within the limits set by the Paris agreements.

Germany had not asked that these limits be raised, either for ground or naval forces, he said.

The spokesman's remarks followed a statement released to the press yesterday by the French Foreign Ministry, declaring that France would oppose German rearmament in excess of the limits set by the Paris agreements.

The French statement in turn followed reports that plans for the development of West German naval forces exceeded the limits set by the Paris agreements. — France-Press.

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Full Report

Meanwhile, the Foreign Office has asked the British Ambassador in Laos to send a full report on fighting which broke out last Monday in the province of Sam Nua between Royal Army troops and Pathet-Lao units, supported by the Vietminh.

British informed circles believe that Pathet Lao forces launched the attack in order to impede the holding of general elections set for December 25 in the 10 provinces under government control.

Under the terms of the armistice agreement, the provinces of Sam Nua and Phong Saly were designated as regroupment areas for Pathet Lao forces, which have since refused to restore the 10 provinces to government control. — France-Press.

Australian Federal Elections Tomorrow

Both Parties Claim Swing In Public Sentiment

LEADERS STEP UP FINAL APPEALS TO VOTERS

Sydney, Dec. 8.

Australian Party leaders, Liberal Prime Minister Robert Menzies and Labour leader Herbert Evatt, today stepped up their final election appeals to voters with the polls scheduled to open on Saturday morning. Both parties claim the swing of public sentiment is in their favour, but the poor attendance at political rallies during the campaign is making it hard for experts attempting forecasts.

The politicians are waiting eagerly for the final Gallup poll, which will be published on Friday. In previous elections the poll came pretty close to the mark.



Mr. R. C. Menzies

Considerable interest centres in Dr. Evatt's electorate of Barton, a Sydney suburb, which has 45,000 voters. Liberal candidate Bill Arthur is attempting to accomplish the 48 per cent of swing ballots necessary to put out the opposition leader who has held his Parliament seat for 15 years.

Final Appeals

Both Dr. Evatt and Mr. Menzies made their final radio appeals last night and were concentrating today on a series of speeches during motor tours of the voting districts.

In his radio finale on Wednesday night, Dr. Evatt asserted: "It is a crazy idea to build homes for soldiers in Malaya when we need to build them for people in Australia."

"Malaya is an internal problem. If we were making a contribution to the defence of Southeast Asia, as claimed, you would think the United States

also would be sending its troops to Malaya and Indo-China. "Malaya is just as much entitled to self-government as Burma, Indonesia and India. Give the people of Asia democratic rights and there will be democracy. You've got to trust people. It was delay by the French which caused the Communist trouble in Indo-China."

"Dull Campaign"

It has been a "dull" campaign throughout that involved Communism, the Catholic Church, personal feuds, shouted insults, near riots and screeched accusations.

Some 80 per cent of the country's 5,200,000 voters will be voting. Those failing to vote will be fined £2.

The campaign started on October 28, when Liberal Party Prime Minister Robert G. Menzies received permission to dissolve Parliament and call for new elections.

The Liberals—and their Country Party allies—held a six-man majority in the Senate. They hope to gain strength in the selection of a completely new House—122 members—and soundly thrash the Labour Party in the election of half a new Senate—39 members.

The Liberals admit they called for the new elections in hopes of liquidating Mr. Menzies's bitter political foe, Dr. Herbert V. Evatt, 61-year-old leader of the Labour Party. They believe recent events have weakened Dr. Evatt's popularity with the voters.

Biggest Headache

The Liberals "point with pride" to unequalled prosperity in Australia. The Labourites brand it a "false prosperity." The Labourites call the Liberals "McCarthyites." And the Labourites describe the Labourites as "pro-Communists" in a campaign that has been void of any great issues.

The biggest headache to the Labour Party has been an exchange of letters between Dr. Evatt and Soviet Foreign Minister V. N. Molotov.

Lawyer Evatt acted as defence counsel for members of his party who appeared before a Royal Commission, accused of Communist espionage.

The evidence presented the Commission was based on information supplied by the former Russian spy chief in Australia, Vladimir Petrov, who defected in April, 1954.

Catholics Accused

Dr. Evatt claimed his fellow Labourites were being "framed," and wrote Mr. Molotov asking his opinion of the case. The Soviet Foreign Minister agreed completely, and when Dr. Evatt read Mr. Molotov's letter to the amazed Members of Parliament, the Liberals gleefully branded him a "Communist sympathiser."

Late in the campaign, Dr. Evatt accused two Catholic Bishops of interfering in Australian politics. He said they had urged Catholics to vote against Communism.

The Church dignitaries replied that they had named no names, made no specific recommendations except to reiterate the Church's stand against Communism. Mr. Menzies's political blunder was his unsuccessful attempt to outlaw the Communist Party. The Labourites successfully defeated the attempt, and claim this was an attempt by the Liberals to throttle free speech and democracy in this country where personal liberties are held sacred.



Dr. H. Evatt

For a country that reveres its royal leaders, Australians show little political respect for their elected statesmen.

In two of his last appearances in Sydney, the Prime Minister was jeered, insulted and booed by opposition stalwarts.

Shouted Back

In catch-as-catch-can style, Mr. Menzies shouted and yelled back at his hecklers. In the bedlam that followed, there was punching and shoving in the audience for several minutes before a semblance of order was restored and the meeting continued.

Nowhere in the country has either party been able to give a speech without the opposition heckling the candidates with boos, jeers and insults in this election which Australians call "dull."—United Press.

Water Drives Tourists To Drink

Paris, Dec. 8.

Evil-smelling Paris water, which has driven millions of tourists to wine-drinking may become odorous and tasteless if the City Council approves a proposal made by Councilman Bernard Lafay today.

Speaking at a Council meeting, Lafay said Paris pumps its water from the Marne and Seine rivers and treats it with chlorine and aluminum sulphate. The water gives off an odour similar to that of rotten eggs.

M. Lafay proposed the water should be rendered odorous and tasteless by treating it with chlorine dioxide. He has been doing in the United States.

But even M. Lafay's proposal is not likely to stop up water consumption among wine-loving Frenchmen, who are taught almost from the cradle that water is the enemy of wine.



King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia listens to an address of welcome from Pandit Nehru, left, India's Prime Minister, at the historic Red Fort at Delhi. The King is currently paying state visit to India, following hard on the heels of Soviet leaders Bulganin and Khrushchev. — Express Photo.

NO RESTRICTION ON MOVEMENT IN EAST BERLIN

Berlin, Dec. 8.

An authoritative source in East Berlin today denied that the Russians had repudiated the Four Power status of the city and said that they did not contemplate restricting free movement through the Soviet sector.

A West Berlin city spokesman said some of the doubts over the Soviet attitude appeared to have been dispelled by the statement.

The British authorities here found the denial "very interesting" but said they would await a reply from the Soviet Ambassador in East Berlin, Mr. G. M. Pushkin, to questions from the three Western envoys before drawing final conclusions.

The Communist statement was in reply to the question whether or not the Soviet authorities continued to uphold the Four Power status of the city after the recent assertion by Major-General P. A. Dibrava, Soviet Commandant, that the Soviet occupation of East Berlin had ended.

Hysteria

The authoritative source said there had been "incomprehensible hysteria" and a great deal of unwarranted speculation in the West about the Four Power status which, in fact, General Dibrava had never mentioned. He had merely asserted the "realistic facts" that East Berlin was no longer occupied and that it was the capital of a sovereign East Germany.

The conclusions to be drawn from East German sovereignty had been "clearly set out" in the Moscow documents and gave no grounds for any of the "wild speculation" about what would happen in Berlin. In fact, he said, had elapsed since General Dibrava's remarks, yet nothing at all had changed in the Berlin situation. It was evident therefore that no change was contemplated.

Moscow Treaty

The Moscow Treaty of September 20 and its annexes had specifically provided that Soviet military authorities would continue to be responsible for the control of Allied military traffic to Berlin. The same arrangement applied to the free movement of Allied personnel through East Berlin, the source added.

The source said General Dibrava was no longer commander of an occupied area but solely commander of a small Berlin garrison. But he had informed Major-General Charles L. Dasher, the United States Commandant, clearly at their meeting on November 29 that he would continue to act as intermediary between the Allied authorities in West Berlin and the East German authorities whom the West did not recognize.

Dr. Otto Suhr, Mayor of West Berlin, proposed today that the Western powers should seek an overall clarification. From Russia on the point, he had transferred or would transfer to East Germany. He told foreign correspondents there was no point in trying to force cooperation with the East. — United Press.

An Arabian King's Visit To India

'Colonial' Items On UN Agenda

MAKE INCLUSION MORE DIFFICULT

New York, Dec. 8.

A French move to make it more difficult to place so-called "colonial" items on the agenda of the United Nations General Assembly by requiring a two-thirds majority for adoption rather than the present simple majority was described by a British spokesman today as "a good idea."

The French proposal is so far called only a "suggestion".

The British delegation spokesman said: "My delegation believes that this suggestion is a good idea. It would help in the exercising of restraint in the placing of items on the agenda and we would support the idea."

Whether there will be time for France to make a formal move at the present session of the Assembly to bring about the required change in rules is doubtful.

Walked Out

France walked out of the Assembly on September 30 in protest against the decision (reached by a majority of one—28-27) to place the Algerian question on the agenda.

She returned last month after the Assembly had unanimously approved a formula whereby debate on Algeria was avoided and the item was taken off the agenda.

Should the two-thirds idea be adopted, it would make difficult the placing before the assembly of items such as Algeria, Morocco, Cyprus and Dutch New Guinea.

The French idea has been talked about privately by delegations but so far there has been no formal debate.

The Asian-African group, it is thought, is almost certain to resist the proposition strongly and it would be able to count on considerable support from many Latin American nations who are bitterly opposed to "colonialism". — China Mail Special.

Negro Boy On Charge Of Murder

Gonzales, Texas, Dec. 8.

L. C. HENRY, a 16-year-old Negro boy, will be taken before County Judge John Romberg next Wednesday to answer a charge that he murdered his distant cousin, Herbert Johnson, a local leader of the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People.

But County Attorney E. W. Patterson said Henry must be treated as a juvenile and the maximum penalty that could be imposed on him until he reaches 21 is commitment to reform school.

According to Patterson, the boy confessed he slipped up behind the 60-year-old Johnson while he was feeding his cattle on Sunday and felled him with a fence post for the \$17 he had in his wallet.

Racial Issues

At the same time, Patterson criticized the "interference of outside newspapers" which he accused of trying to inject racial issues into the murder. He said this caused the Mount Eden community (an all-Negro settlement) to become belligerent and afraid to talk.

Patterson said Henry is a student in the seventh grade at Waelder, Texas, near where the body of Johnson was found on Monday nearly consumed by fire.

He said Henry spent part of the \$17 for two knives, a wallet and a meal of hot sausages. He had \$8.70 when arrested.

After telling Johnson with a post, the boy told Patterson, he searched him, tied his hands and used the victim's automobile to drag the body to a ravine half a mile away. There, according to Patterson, he set the body and automobile on fire.

After the murder, he told Patterson, he went home and ate a hearty chicken dinner. — United Press.

Trotsky's Friend Returning To Mexico

Moscow, Dec. 8.

Diego Rivera, 68-year-old Mexican Communist painter, intends to return to Mexico City this month after recovery from successful cancer treatment in Moscow.

He has been in the Soviet Union since August, and has had radioactive cobalt treatment in a Moscow hospital.

Senor Rivera was re-admitted to the Mexican Communist Party after Stalin's death. Although a member of the party from the early days, he fell out of favour later and in 1935 arranged for Leon Trotsky, Soviet communism's "arch-enemy," to live in Mexico. Trotsky was assassinated in Mexico in 1940.

While in hospital, Senor Rivera has spent his time sketching his Russian doctor and nursing him, and has been seen with friends from the Soviet set, including Chita, Stalin's mistress. — United Press.

King Saud Showered With Pearls

Bombay, Dec. 8.

A small child ran out across the tarmac of Bombay's Santa Cruz Airport today and showered a handful of pearls on King Saud of Saudi Arabia on his arrival here on the final lap of his 17-day tour to India.

Another asked the six-foot tall King to bend down to have a garland of flowers hung round his neck while more than 10,000 people, who had waited hours for his arrival, cheered and shouted slogans of welcome.

King Saud was greeted by the Governor of Bombay, Mr. Karkarushna Mahtab, and introduced to officials by the Chief Minister, Mr. Narayn Desai. — Reuters.

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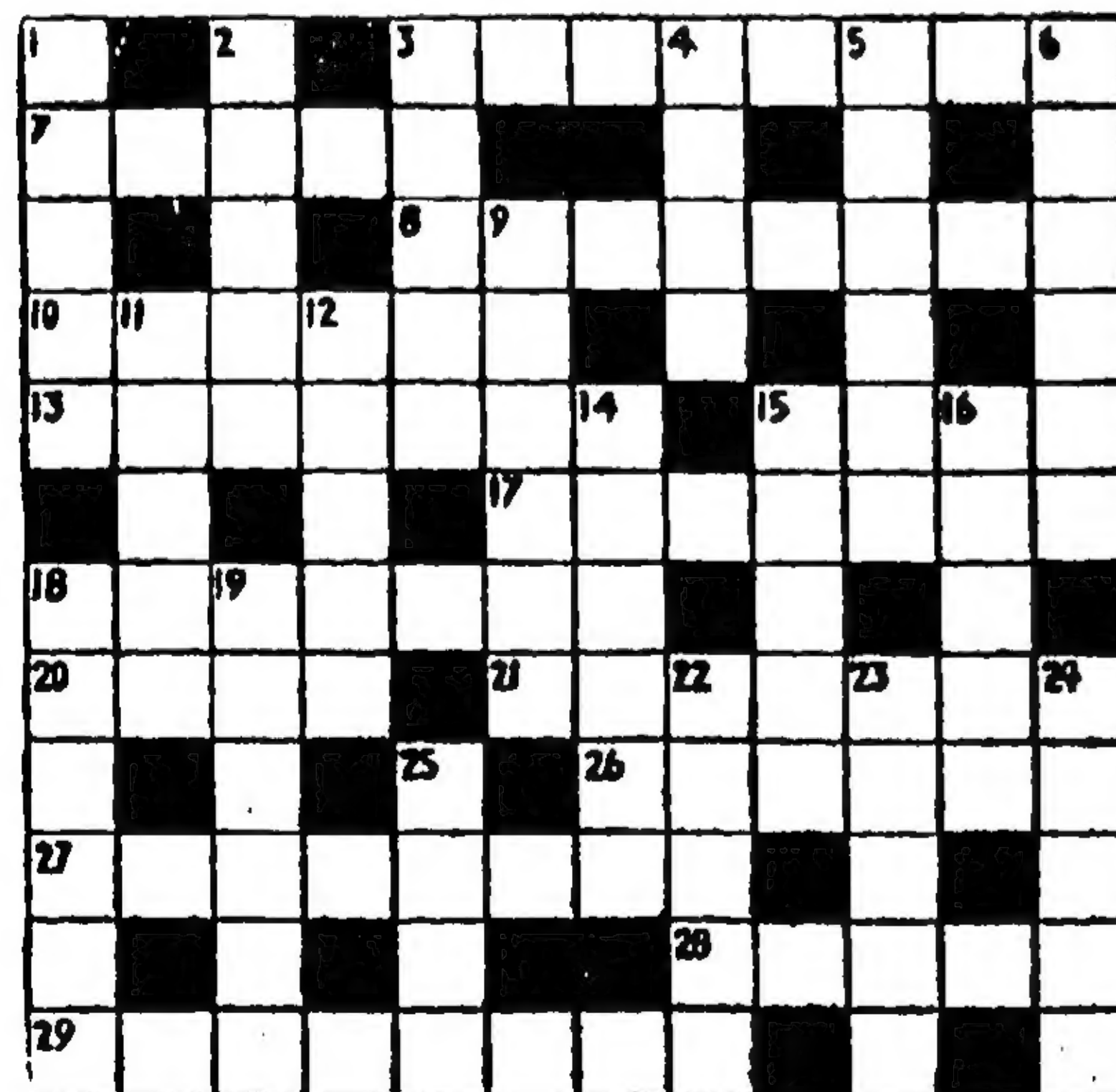
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A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- Treasures (8).
 - Fruit (5).
 - Gather together (8).
 - Compliance (6).
 - Fruit course (7).
 - Rip (4).
 - Advisedly (7).
 - Advocate (7).
 - Discover (6).
 - Followed closely (7).
 - Last (6).
 - Knighthood ceremony (8).
 - Requires (6).
 - Region (6).
- DOWN
- Epic poem (5).
 - Accumulate (6).
 - Foolish (5).
 - Spool (4).
 - Garden implement (6).
 - Wine (6).
 - Thoroughfare (6).
 - Disposes of (5).
 - Attempt (5).
 - and feathered (6).
 - Lakeview (5).
 - Change (6).
 - Engine of war (6).
 - Important periods (6).
 - Colours (6).
 - Enriched (5).
 - Slip (5).
 - Disgrace (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1. Picnic, 5. Range, 8. Doped, 9. Nurses, 10. Dishes, 11. Slave, 12. Glove, 13. Range, 16. Arranged, 19. Answer, 20. Dolls, 22. Solo, 23. Reared, 25. Ripen, 28. Strata, 29. Stern, 28. Elise, 29. Decent, Down: 1. Punished, 2. Corporal, 3. Idea, 4. Costume, 5. Redress, 6. Adhere, 7. Gown, 14. Advocate, 15. Exponent, 16. Assail, 17. Unruffled, 18. Strain, 21. Grand, 24. Star.

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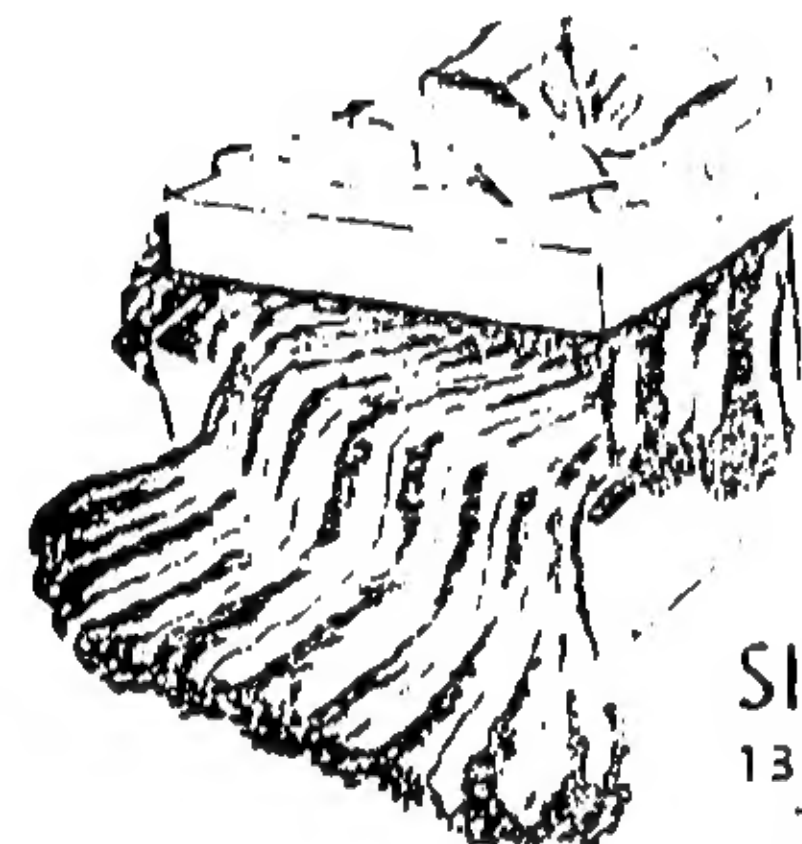
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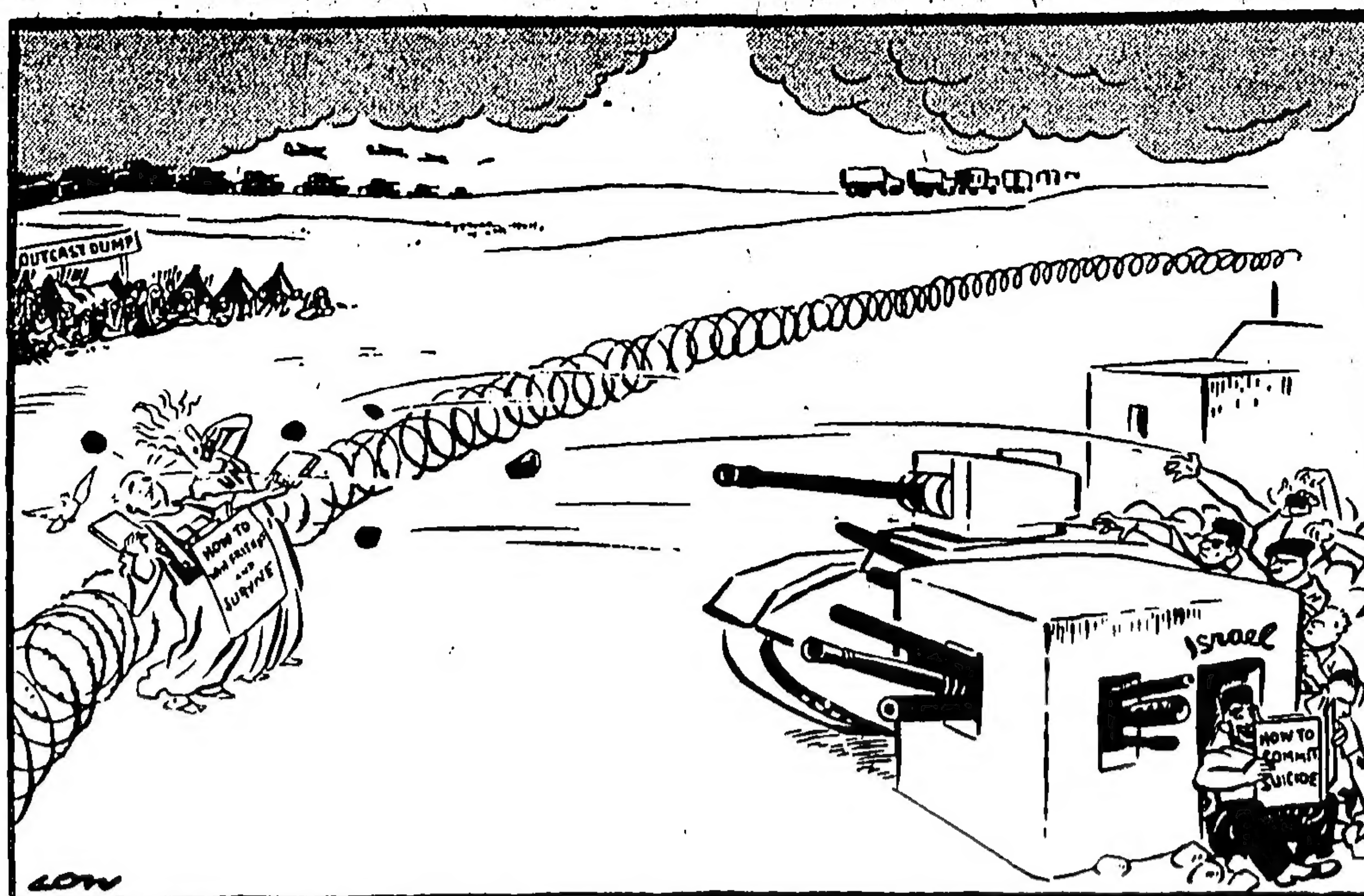
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SIBELIUS—GREATEST LIVING SYMPHONIST

By
GERARD BOURKE

IN the Villa Ainola, set in the snow-clad forests 30 miles north of Helsinki, Professor Jean Sibelius celebrated his 90th birthday yesterday.

His devoted 89-year-old wife Aino—the villa is named after her—was at his sides as he reflected on a life-time of music.

The most famous Finn, the greatest living symphonist, now lives in retirement. He has not published any compositions for nearly 30 years, or even visited Helsinki since the war.

Yet he still composes almost daily, we are told, but those who are honoured with invitations to his home must not inquire about these secret compositions.

Do they include the long-awaited eighth symphony? No-body can say.

But although isolated among the sombre pines and glittering birch trees, Sibelius still takes a close interest in musical affairs. Often a conductor, who has performed one of the master's great series of seven symphonies to the composer's liking, receives a complimentary letter. On most evenings, he and his wife listen, by the fire-side in the low-wooded Ainola, to concerts from abroad brought in by their powerful radio. Sometimes he is visited by the leaders of his land.

Old Colossus

RECENTLY Sibelius gladly accepted an invitation to become President of the Arnold Bax Society, arranged to promote recordings of music by the English symphonist whose work was influenced by Sibelius's style. Indeed, Sibelius's music is played more frequently in Britain and America than in other countries largely because of the interest shown in it by Sir Thomas Beecham and the late Serge Koussevitzky.

Arnold Bax met Sibelius in 1909 and 1936. He saw him at the time of his most personal compositions, including the quartet styled "Intimate Voices" and later in retirement.

Comparing his impressions, Bax wrote of "an arresting, formidable-looking fellow, born of dark rock and northern forest, yet somehow only half the size of the capricious old Colossus of today."

Last year Sir Thomas Beecham journeyed for the first time to Finland to see Sibelius and conduct at a festival given in his honour. They had met often before, during the composer's many visits to Britain in former years.

Recently I visited the country town, Hämeenlinna, in southern Finland, to see the barren, wooden house where Sibelius was born, son of a doctor who

had sung with the Finnish Opera. He named the boy Johan Julius Christian.

On getting off to study law in Helsinki as a young man, however, Sibelius found some of his seafaring uncle's visiting cards inscribed "Jean Sibelius." These might be useful in the smart city, he thought, so "Jean" he would become.

All through his long life, Sibelius has been in close communion with nature, and many of his greatest works are inspired by the myriad Finnish lakes and forests. As a boy, he would wander in the woods behind his home, carrying his violin to serenade the birds.

Fiercer Mood

ORIGINALLY he intended to become a concert violinist. But there were also days when in fiercer mood, he forsook violin for the rifle.

"Up to 15," he tells us, "I was a great Nimrod. I could spend days on end wandering through field and forest."

Passing the village school where he—and Finland's President Paasikivi—first studied, I walked deep into these woods, now planned as the Aulanko national park. Nearby stands, starting in its white modern outline, a superb, modern hotel, typical of the Finns' wealth of beautiful contemporary architecture. Perhaps just now, Sibelius recalls that April evening in 1892 when, only 26 years old, he was first acclaimed as Finland's foremost modern composer. His large "Kullervo" symphony for orchestra, chorus and soloists, based on the Finnish epic poem "Kalevala" (on which Longfellow modelled "Hiawatha"), had just had its first performance.

Prophetic Words

ROBERT Kajanus, the reigning musician, declared that, confronted with such talent, he would forthwith cease composing himself. And he placed a laurel wreath on the young man's broad shoulders. It was inscribed with words also from the "Kalevala": "This way now the course will lead, here the path lies now opened."

Prophetic words for Finnish music.

A month later, Sibelius married Aino Järvenpää, daughter of a Finnish general and sister

of the distinguished Järvenpää brothers, known abroad as poet, painter and musician. It was Aino Järvenpää who left us this vivid picture of the young Sibelius:

"He lived every moment so intensely that at times he really recalled an animal, a fish jumping in a rapid or a young hunting dog that gasps for breath as it scents game, or a bird that, even when sitting still, turns its head in order to hear every rustle and to catch all that living reality has to tell." The great tone poem "En Saga" dates from that lively period.

Sibelius studied in Vienna and Berlin, as well as in other European capitals, but only to examine external musical trends; he always felt drawn to his forest clad home. He visited the famous Bayreuth Wagner festival in Bayreuth but confessed that he found the scenery there preferable to the music. For Sibelius has never shown much interest in opera. He did, however, write a one-act opera in 1896, called "The Maid in the Tower."

When asked about it afterwards, he replied curtly: "Leave her there!"

Dapper Figure

TODAY Sibelius still appears as a dapper figure, with none of the abandon formerly associated with musicians. Before he withdrew from life in Helsinki, he regularly entertained at the Hotel Kamp, with parties lasting far into the night, and drawing extensively on the cellar.

Now he reflects: "It was necessary for me to get away from Helsinki. My art demanded another environment. In Helsinki all melody died within me. Besides, I was too sensitive to be able to refuse invitations that interfered with my work." It was in 1904 that he bought the Villa Ainola near Järvenpää, just before his friend Richard Strauss, born a year earlier, settled at Carmel.

Honoured throughout his country, and by musicians in every land, Jean Sibelius is spending his last years in the loving care of his wife, and five daughters, one of whom is married to Jussi Jalas, conductor of the Finnish national opera.

It seems fitting that the musical genius who has drawn so freely from the wonders of the northern scenes, and re-created nature so closely in its grandeur or simplicity, should now dwell close by her.

MR AUTOMATION PLANS A 32-HOUR WEEK

By BERNARD LEVIN

"PLEASE don't call my wife Mrs Machine," said John Diebold. I assured him I wouldn't dream of such a thing, and his wife, Doris, who was sitting back shyly in the corner, smiled.

Why should any man have to ask another not to call his wife by so ungallant a name? With most men, of course, the question never arises, but in Mr Diebold's life "Mrs Machine" is not the worst of it. His wife is likely to be called "Mrs Automation." For John Diebold is the man who invented the word which describes the second industrial revolution.

Further, Mr Diebold is now doing as much as any other man to bring that revolution about. What is this thing called automation? The man who thought up the name (he doesn't like it either, but he says, can you think of a better?) was born 28 years ago in Wheelock, New Jersey, in a room from which one can get a fine view of industrial New York.

Nobody who knows that view would blame Mr Diebold for wanting to do something pretty drastic about it, and it appears that his leanings towards engineering and management developed early. Degrees in engineering, economics and business management, and service in the U.S. Merchant Marine (where he became excited by fire-control apparatus) led him step by step to the point at which he can be described in America as "the elder statesman of automation."

Mr Diebold does not look like a statesman, elder or younger; he looks like an exceptionally serious-minded graduate student of one of the more complicated sciences. Except that, is, when he smiles, which is often. Then he looks much less serious-minded.

A point

His large, strong hands gesture as he makes a point, and his fair hair bobs up and down to emphasise it. An awful lot of points, it seems, need emphasising about automation. "Many people," said Mr Diebold, "think automation is just another word for mechanisation—more and better machines. But it isn't."

THE PROBLEM OF NIKE

By ALEXANDER BROAD

THE biggest problem in modern defence centres around the hunt for a successor to the anti-aircraft gun. Today's jet bombers can travel at something approaching the speed of sound; today's guided missiles travel at more than 2,000 miles an hour.

An aircraft shell simply cannot find them.

Three years ago, the United States Army announced that it had found the answer. The answer was Nike—a missile which hunted down aircraft like a bloodhound of the air.

The Army announcement said flatly: "It is almost impossible for them to miss."

But the U.S. Air Force was sceptical. Air Force officials said they did not doubt that Nike could bring down anything in service during World War II. A modern jet, however, would probably baffles Nike.

So the controversy has raged for three years—three years in which Nike has taken up sentry duty around almost every big city.

HOT PURSUIT

Last week, the Army agreed to take on the Air Force. Nike was matched against Matador. Matador is described as a "jet bomber missile"—a plane flown by robots.

Matador screamed across the desert at White Sands, New Mexico. Nike took off in hot pursuit.

What happened after that is a matter of dispute. The Army claimed that Nike scored twice but missed on four "preliminary" tries. The Air Force claims that Nike connected only once—and that was when Matador was flying low and slow.

Army Secretary Wilber M. Brucker issued a fresh assurance: "Nike can destroy any aircraft." But an anxious nation wondered: Will the Army get four "preliminary" tries if they ever encounter the real thing? And what does Mr Brucker mean by "destroy"? Does it include objects like Matador?

Behind the scenes, top joint defence officials—men who are not concerned with the Army's little feuds with the Air Force—say that Nike is good if properly handled. But they have let it be known that there is a new and better Nike under construction.

Nike II will fly faster, dodge more nimbly, and will be less susceptible to human bungling.

No substitute

But then, their office is not equipped with automation. It isn't that they don't trust the thing, but simply that there are some kinds of work the machines have not yet got around to, and almost certainly never will.

There is still no mechanical substitute, it seems, for imagination and a sense of purpose. A machine couldn't have invented the word automation.

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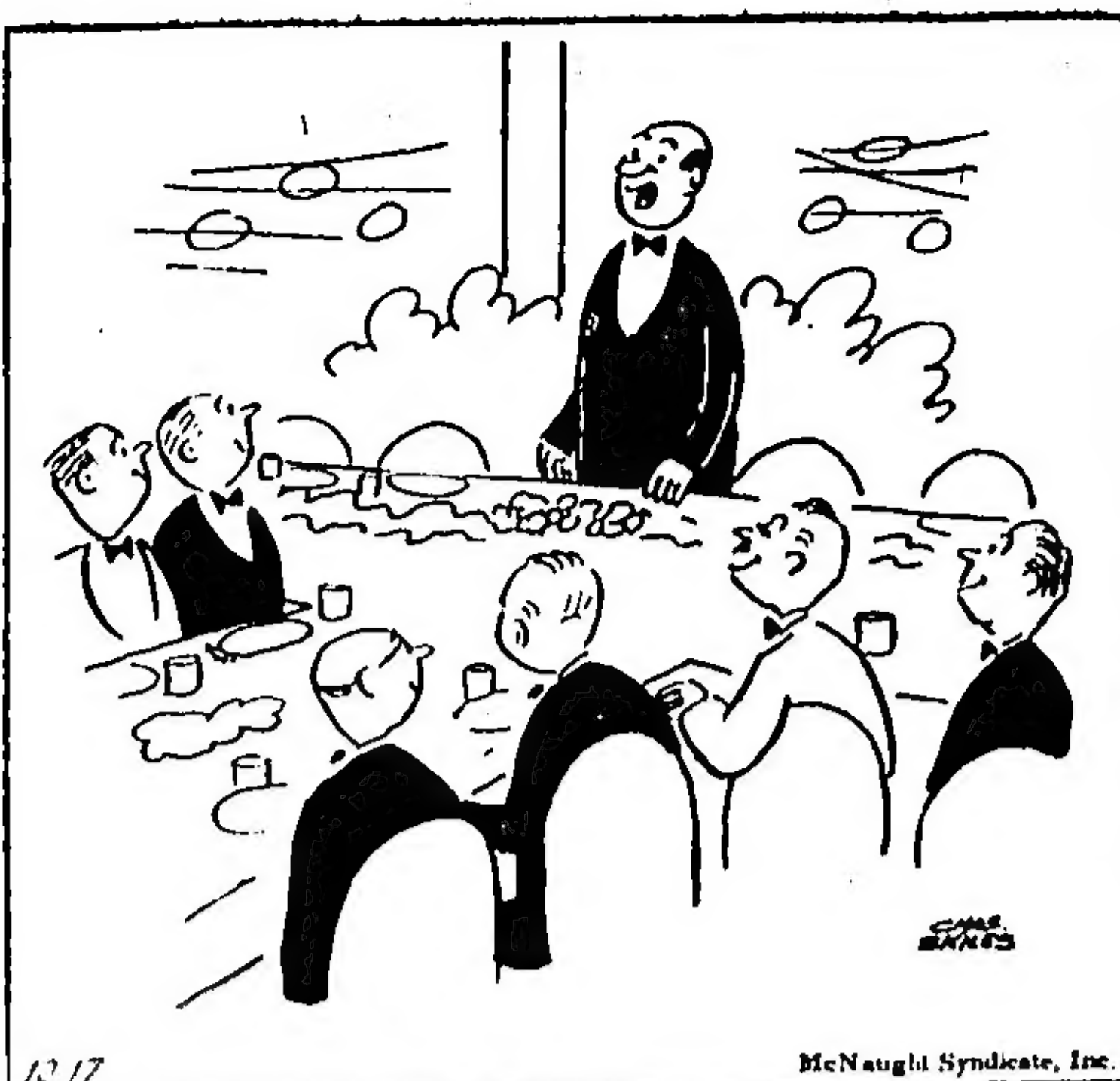


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by Beachcomber

A CLAIM that the world is a madhouse is not an exaggeration, but to leave all the madhouse buttons undone is the act of a fool and a boomer. Then again, there are those ornamental buttons on the sleeve of the coat. Black or grey or brown or gold, they are a mark of the tailor's delight, but add to the coat's dignity and add to the wearer's dignity. And I know a man who was refused admittance to a cocktail party because he had a button on his sleeve. He was a very fine, successful man, but he was refused admittance because he had a button on his sleeve.

In passing

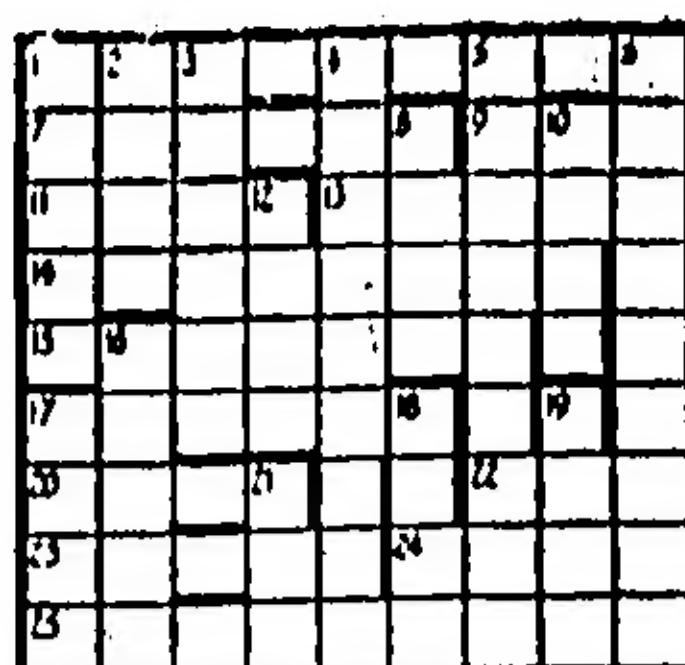
It is said that tears of joy are healthier than tears of sorrow. I think of this whenever I read about the thousands of men and women who are pouring down their faces, when they hear their favourite singer. If Miss Marilyn Monroe were to sing, would there be enough ambulances to get people half-dead from happiness to hospital? And what would the crowd do to a man or woman who, from some mistaken idea of human dignity, succeeded in hiding his or her feelings, and failed to have hysterics?

Man about town

The difference between a smartly dressed man and a carefully dressed one can be very small.

YES, yet. A group of small holes in the crown of a bowler, to let out the steam, is very smart, but one large hole, which would do the work equally well, is not at all the thing. A button, or even two, left undone at the bottom of the

CROSSWORD



Across
1. Great! Some anagram! (9)
7. Milligates (10)
9. Direct a road in the Continent. (3)
11. A deduction from the relay. (4)
13. It may be a blow to you that brings them about. (6)
14. At best. (5)
15. They used to get special compartments. (11)
17. And there are special compartments. (6)
20. A soldier in one and belongs to one. (8)
22. Describe the school tie, often. (3)
23. They go down to assist the memory. (5)
24. Family is bound to have one. (4)
25. Disoriented. (9)

Down
1. Clothes start with a tag back. (5)
2. First murder victim. (4)
3. Car for drinking? (6)
4. Hypnotize. (9)
5. Carriage of delight? (9)
6. Found in cut up for mixed. (4)
8. Handle for a cook. (4)
10. Surgeon with no young relative. (4)
12. Bunker. (4)
16. Forfeiture in the wind. (4)
17. Spot for rubbers. (4)
18. Sometimes advertised as vice. (4)
19. Cuffs for shirts. (4)
21. A man in a. (4)
23. A man in a. (4)

• JACOBY ON BRIDGE •

South Keeps Aces At Bay

By OSWALD JACOBY

TODAY'S hand was played by Mrs. Margaret Wagar of Atlanta. Mrs. Wagar has won more national championships than she can count, and the play of this hand shows why.

West opened the six of hearts, and Mrs. Wagar won with the ten. The Atlanta expert then led a club to dummy's ace in order to return a low diamond from the dummy. East couldn't afford to play the ace of diamonds, for then declarer would have four sure diamond tricks, so East played low and South won with the queen.

It wasn't safe to lead another diamond, since East would take the ace and lead a heart. Hence Mrs. Wagar led a low spade to

BE READY WITH AN ALTERNATE SUGGESTION

If You Have To Say "No" To Your Child

EVERY time you have to say No to your child, turn his attention to something he may do and is likely to do with pleasure.

For example, tell him he may not have your glass vase to play with, but give him proper playthings. He must not throw the ball indoors, then show him how to have fun rolling it on the floor or throwing it in the backyard.

He must not run his metal car over furniture, but he can run it on the floor. He must not scribble on the wall or in a book, but he will get a great deal of pleasure out of scribbling, coloring or drawing on proper paper. He must not throw a stone at a car, but he can throw certain things at a target in a safe place. He must not hammer his wagon or tricycle, but he can drive large-headed nails into a soft block.

Some people believe that you never have to say No if you always try to divert a child's attention elsewhere. Yet no one

WOMANSENSE

By DOROTHY BARKLEY

ONCE again the backroom boys of industry have put science to work for fashion.

Their latest discovery puts a finish on fabrics which makes them water repellent and stain resistant. The fabrics are coated with a chemical compound — called silicone — and oven baked to fix the coating. They are then non-absorbent to liquids of any kind — wine or water — and grease stains can be easily removed.

The firm marketing the process staged a display a fortnight ago to show off its use for practically every kind of fabric. They picked seventy-five items, anything from sportswear to evening dresses, to show that the fashion trade is already taking an interest.

There was a wedding dress that won't spot in the rain; suede shoes that won't mark in the mud; and swimsuits that dry in minutes (the water runs off the fabric).

They pointed out that, although treated fabrics are coated both sides, they are still "breathable" naturally, an important consideration especially in a warm climate. They also stressed that the drape and handle of the material don't suffer.

The cost price per yard of treated fabric is between sixpence and two shillings, depending on the weight of the fabric. The retail price may be more.

TEENAGE FASHIONS

AS the younger generation become more fashion conscious, the makers of teenage dresses find it hard to keep up with them.

Now there comes another attempt to bridge the gap between supply and demand. Horrocks showed a complete collection of new teenage styles, ranging from beachwear to evening outfits. New fabrics, new accessory ideas, new styles — all were featured in the collection.

Taking pride of place were the new floral striped cottons; a plain stripe and a floral stripe alternate on a white ground. Other prints with a gay, youthful air included flower pots in black on a yellow ground, and diamonds in black on a blue ground.

New accessory note came with the petal little hats matched to the dresses. One white sailor hat, with an up-turned brim was in pink and white striped cotton to match the dress. Another was in white, had trailing red ribbons at the back, to match a white pique dress slatted with red ribbon.

Newest style note was in the T-shirt, some with a wide sailor collar, others with a slit neckline, cut straight across from shoulder to shoulder. Sometimes they were part of a three-piece outfit. Most delightful of all was a blue sailor shirt, stitched in white, blue and white striped jeans, and a sailcloth red over-skirt. Another idea for the beach were the towelling coats, piped to match the dress or play suit which they partnered.

Evening dresses, in nylon striped in pink and white, followed the current trend of flitting waist and bouffant skirt. One of the more attractive short evening dresses was in white spotted green organdie, with a draped bertha collar of pink organdie.

So, if the teenager is looking for style in summer dresses, she should find it somewhere.

HAIRSTYLES AND HATS

WHICH comes first, the hairstyle or the hat? Alan Spiers suggests choosing the hat first, then finding a hairstyle to match it.

That way, he says, both belong to the head and don't balance there precariously.

To illustrate his point, he taken one of the new saucer hats in black velvet, worn tilted over the forehead. He



This tipped-up hairstyle to go with the tipped-forward hat comes from Alan Spiers.



Something new for the teenager comes with this sailor T-shirt which is piped to match the striped jeans. From Horrocks Flourette.

brushes the hair out and up at the back to meet the tipped up brim. At the sides he curves the hair down and away from the face.

Pictured here is the result. Do you like it?

Why Apologise For Lack Of Wealth?

By GARRY C. MYERS, Ph.D.

SOMETIMES, children, especially in their teens, are ashamed of the area in which they live in, of the furnishings and of many other material things related to their home. They may be ashamed if their family has no car or one that is not the best. They may be ashamed of the shabby clothes their parents wear, even when their own are as fine as the average child's or better.

In a few instances, they have good reasons to be ashamed, as when the obvious cause is the parents' wastefulness.

But as a rule, the area in which people live, their house and other material possessions are as "good" as they can afford. Very often, alas, they are forgotten, thanks to the prevailing measure of worth in terms of material things.

Instalment plans seem to make it easy for everyone to have as many luxuries as his neighbour. And parents are pressed by their growing children to give them what other children have.

So when a boy or girl is ashamed of his home and material possessions, one reason may be that his parents have given him more than they can afford and his wishes and demands have grown proportionately.

Perhaps the most common reason why so many youths are ashamed of their homes is that their parents have expressed this feeling in all sorts of ways, have not faced realities themselves, have made the most of what they have. Instead, they will apologise for their house, furniture or car.

Then, courses in homemaking can be a big factor. Girls whose homes have very few of the modern gadgets and equipment may feel inferior at school.

The teacher of home economics in a certain school system announced that she wished to visit her students in their homes. Later she learned that some of these students stayed awake nights, worried for weeks before this visit, dreading to have the teacher discover how poorly their homes were equipped.

In order to prevent or reduce this problem, wise parents will learn to be proud of what they have. They won't try to build social status and home happiness on material things but on things that don't perish.

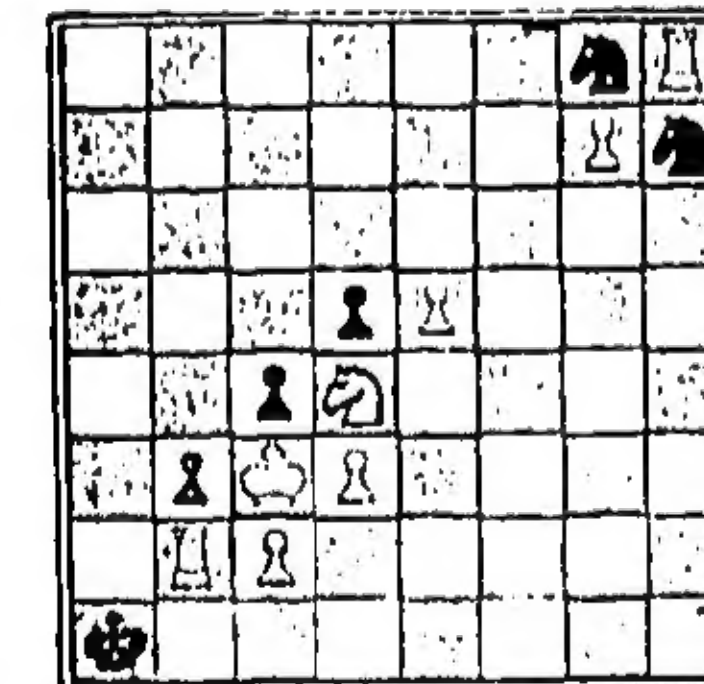
YOUR BIRTHDAY By STELLA

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

BORN today you are practical, energetic and full of life. You are inclined to be a little too intrusive for your own best good. Your needs are too big to control your actions and this often leads to decisions that are contradictory and confusing at times, even to your closest friends. You probably have a delicate talent for business affairs but your work must give you an opportunity to utilise your imagination and initiative or you will become bored with the job and not put forth your best efforts.

CHESS PROBLEM

By S. E. TURKLE
Black, 6 pieces.



White, 8 pieces.
White to play; mate in two.
Solution to yesterday's problem:
1, Kf1-B4, any; 2, R, or Kf mates.

TARGET

A	T	P
C	N	E
R	E	R

HOW many words of four letters or more can you find from the letters in the square on the left? In making each word, the letters in the square must be used at least once. No plural or foreign words, no proper names, no hyphens. JAMIESON'S words good; 48 words, very good; 49 words excellent. Solution tomorrow.

SATURDAY, DEC. 10

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22):—There may be slight trouble in paradise today. Take care that your romance doesn't get off to a wrong start this morning.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20):—Things may be rather hectic at home, but you can be sure of the one calm individual in the family.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19):—You may find that there are a number of old jobs need doing around your house. Get an early start, but you may find that some overtime work just now brings to attention to the home and it can also mean more money.

ARIES (Mar. 21-April 20):—Be extremely accurate with what you must do this morning. Later rewards may be determined by the calibre of your work now.

Taurus (April 21-May 21):—This can be an exceptionally busy day, so schedule your time with great care to get everything done.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21):—Personal matters at home will take up most of your time today. Do important shopping for the house, too.

dummy's queen and returned a spade from dummy towards her own king. If West had taken care, South would have been sure of nine tricks; three spades, two hearts, a diamond, and three clubs.

When West refused to take the ace of spades, Mrs. Wagar switched back to diamonds. She had already taken two spades and could now be sure of two diamonds. The two hearts and three clubs were never in doubt, so the contract was absolutely safe.

If South began the play by leading diamonds from her own hand at the second trick, East would capture an honour with his ace of diamonds and return a heart. This would enable West to establish his suit, with the ace of spades as a sure entry, and South would be unable to develop nine tricks without tackling the spades.

♥ CARD SENSE ♦

Q—The bidding has been:
West North East South
1 Heart 1 Spade Pass 7
You, South, hold:
♠ K 5 3 ♣ 7 6 4 ♠ K 7 2 4 A 4
What do you do?
A—Bid three spades. Since this bid is not forcing, your partner will pass if he had a very weak overall.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold:
♠ K 5 3 ♣ 7 6 4 ♠ K 7 2 4 A 4
What do you do?
Answer tomorrow.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

A Six-Headed Monster

—But When Merlin Looked For It, It Had Disappeared—

By MAX TRELL

"WHY Mr. Merlin!" exclaimed Hanid to her friend the magician, "are you going hunting? You're wearing a green suit, a hat with a yellow feather and you've got a bow and arrows."

Mr. Merlin, who had just come out from behind the bookcase where he lived (the address was No. 33 Enchanted Lane) smiled at Hanid and sat down on a brick at the edge of the fireplace.

"You're quite right, my dear," he said to Hanid. "I'm going hunting."

First Surprise

"You are! Oh! Where are you going hunting?" Hanid asked after she had gotten over her first surprise.

"Right here," replied Mr. Merlin, with a smile.

"Here—in the house?"

"My dear girl," said Mr. Merlin, "you have no idea how many beasts and things there are to hunt for in this house. Now take that animal over there," and Mr. Merlin pointed to a chair on the other side of the room. "That's a wild Sit-Me-Down."

"It's only a chair," said Hanid.

"Now look here," said Mr. Merlin, "how many legs has a lion got?"

and they stay awake at night while everyone else is fast asleep."

Hanid finally began laughing. "I think it's very cute of you, Mr. Merlin to say that chairs and beds and couches and tables and other pieces of furniture are really wild animals."

"It all depends on how you look at it," said Mr. Merlin. "Now last night, just around dinner time, I saw the strangest animal that ever was seen."

"You did! What was it, Mr. Merlin?"

"It had six pairs of feet—twelve feet in all—a dozen feet. And it had six heads."

"Six heads!" Hanid gasped.

Mr. Merlin nodded. "Six heads and twelve feet. There twelve feet were all under the dining room table. Some were big feet, some were small feet. And the strangest of all: this beast was wearing shoes on its feet—black, brown and white shoes, and one pair of felt bedroom slippers."

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Rupert's Deep Sea Adventure—47



Before Rupert has gone far with the turtles, he is aware that someone is swimming beside him. "Why, it's the Moby!" he cries. "Where have you come from? We left you behind at the jagged islands." "Oh no, you didn't," laughs the Moby. "I've been ahead of you all the time. And I arranged for these turtles to act as your landing craft. I'd lead you ashore, but I can see a human being there, so I must go. Good-bye, Rupert!" And he dives and disappears.

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Tomorrow's Chances At The Valley

By "RAPIER"

The Hongkong Jockey Club's Third Race Meeting of the 1955/56 season will be held over two consecutive Saturday afternoons, the first tomorrow and the second on December 17.

Each day's programme will consist of eight events. The first saddling bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be at 2 p.m.

The main attraction tomorrow will be the Bridge Hill Handicap for Class 5 ponies over the mile, to be run in two sections, while on Saturday, December 17, the Hongkong St Leger for ponies of 1955 over 1 1/4 miles is the principal event.

Here are my estimates of the chances:

FIRST RACE

Notting Hill Handicap. From 1 mile post.

Novice jockeys will be in view in this opening event and they will be called upon to handle Class 7 ponies.

Bravo to A. T. T. (T. T. T.) for his win in the Anglo-Handicap over this distance, the first race meeting (First Day) for Class 8 ponies will not doubt be in high demand and I believe its prospects of securing another win here rather bright.

Desert Gold (Andrew Chen) is well suited to this distance and I think it will give Bravo to a good race.

Vagabond King (Stuart Lau) is a fast improving pony and should be worth \$5 bet each way.

Colin (H. K. Cheng) and Fortune (T. H. Yau) are also good enough to extend the above prices.

SECOND RACE

Midway Plate. One Mile.

This race is confined to Class C 1955 ponies. Weight 140 lbs. Winners of not more than \$1,250 in stakes; 143 lbs. of \$1,500; 140 lbs. of over \$1,500. 150 lbs. if over \$1,500.

Jumping from past performance, Crest St. Don, which will again be taken out by H. T. T. will probably win.

Operation is likely to come from Tamerlane (K. Shih) and Unicorn (H. K. Cheng) is another pony to watch whilst T. T. T. again (W. Williamson) is not bad.

Spanish Fan (H. P. Chan) has been showing improvement in morning gallops and may conceivably cause an upset.

THIRD RACE
Notting Hill Handicap (First Section). One Mile.

This race is confined to Class 5 ponies. I like the chances of Straight Flush (M. Sumner), Oceanic Sky (Chun Kit), Ringway (H. T. T.) and Fox Hunter (C. A. Lee).

Straight Flush won the Des Vaux Handicap (Second Section) over this distance for Class 6 ponies in 1.47.4.5 in the First Race Meeting with M. Sumner up, carrying 145 lbs.

On that performance, it was promoted to this class. As it is now in splendid condition, I think it will just about do it again.

Oceanic Sky and Ringway are in fine condition at the moment and should have a say at the finish. Fox Hunter may upset all calculations if given a runaway start.

FOURTH RACE
Black Hill Handicap. From 1/2 mile post.

Logical choice in this sprint race of the afternoon for Class 7 ponies is Atomic Caesar (Stuart Lau). A win is certainly coming up for this well conditioned pony.

It will not come as a surprise if it will win over Blossom Time (C. L. Liu) and Free Success (P. Y. T. Wei).

Expectation (W. K. Shih) has been acting very tricky during morning exercise and is capable of furnishing an upset.

For a big dividend take a shot at Pearl of Hongkong (Alex Lam).

FIFTH RACE
Obelisk Hill Handicap. One Mile.

This race will be contested by 1955 Ponies, Class A. I think Maiky Law (M. Sumner) appears to be a safe proposition in view of its fine morning gallop in Saturday in 1.54.1—last quarter 28.1 seconds—over the mile.

Minerva (H. M. Botelho) and Old Tyre (Shih) continue to maintain good racing condition. The distance of this race suits the former, though, Quicksilver (H. K. Cheng) and Encore (H. T. T.) all have fair chances of success.

SIXTH RACE
Bennet's Hill Plate (First Section). One Mile.

In this race, confined to 1955 Ponies, Class B, I will once again put my faith on Avion (P. Plumby) to beat the field. This chestnut mare did not have the best of luck in its last encounter, but should make amends tomorrow.

I like the way Ma Cherie (C. L. Liu) has been striding along in the early morning gallops and believe it will finish well up in front.

I also like Midget (H. T. T.) and the outsider, Sea Raider (E. S. Wong) is worth following.

SEVENTH RACE
Bennet's Hill Plate (Second Section). One Mile.

The second lot of 1955 Ponies, Class B, will battle out the finish here. Dragonfly will be called on to shoulder top weight of 150 lbs. It will again be ridden by C. A. Lee and I believe that it is capable of winning.

As for an I can see, the only real danger will come from Hawatha if ridden by A. Ostroumoff, who knows how to handle this pony.

Thumbelweed will be taken out by Stuart Lau. As it is now coming on nicely in training, it will give both Dragonfly and Hawatha a good run.

As an outsider I suggest Snowy (C. L. Liu).

EIGHTH RACE
Bridge Hill Handicap (Second Section). One Mile.

This is the last race of the day and will be contested by the Second Section of Class 5 ponies. A very fit Perfectionist (Chun Kit) should win although it will have to fight hard against Bayshore (H. M. Botelho) and Santa Clara (P. Plumby).

Another Victory (H. T. T.) is moving well in its morning gallops and appears ripe to score.

Ponies in this race which have also shown good form lately are Char Ting (H. K. Cheng), Gladie (E. S. Wong) and Spinning Wheel (Allen Chun).

BADMINTON

Craigengower Dethrone Chinese Y

In the Mixed Doubles "A" Division of the Badminton League, Craigengower Cricket Club last night dethroned the Chinese YMCA, who were the holders of the title for the last eight years, by beating them 6-3 in the last game of the League.

Craigengower also made sure of the Men's Singles Division Championship by beating Chung Cheung 3-4 last night.

The following were the scores: Mixed Doubles "A" Division: K. C. Wong and Helen Kwong (CCC) beat S. K. Wong and Y. Y. Chan 21-16, lost to Raymond Young and C. Ho 9-21, beat W. C. Chan and Dorothy Lam 21-11.

Robert Tay and Elvie Teok (CCC) beat S. K. Wong and Y. Y. Chan 21-15, lost to Raymond Young and C. Ho 9-21, beat W. C. Chan and Dorothy Lam 21-15.

Jimmy Koo and Stella Corea (CCC) beat S. K. Wong and Y. Y. Chan 21-19, lost to Raymond Young and C. Ho 13-21, beat W. C. Chan and Dorothy Lam 21-19.

Men's "C" Singles—George Ma (CCC) beat W. B. Lee 21-15, beat H. C. Yung 21-9; C. K. Chan lost to W. B. Lee 7-21, lost to H. C. Yung 14-21; M. Kan beat K. So 21-4.

Men's Doubles—P. C. Chan and S. Y. Wong (CCC) beat Y. C. Chan and S. M. Lam 21-10; lost to W. F. Lee and H. C. Yung 12-21; George Ma and M. Kan (CCC) beat Y. C. Chan and S. M. Lam 21-4; lost to Y. T. Lee and H. C. Yung 9-21.

ONE OF THE BEST



One of the best bouts at last night's Boxing Smoker at the Missions to Seamen was this one between Bombardier "Smiler" Grant and AB Anning. The two rained blows at each other from all angles. Grant won on a very close points decision. — China Mail Photo.

THE JIMMY DIMMOCK STORY Dribbling To Fame With A Tin Can

As told by JIMMY DIMMOCK to JACK WOOD

Jimmy Dimmock, of Spurs and England, first suspected that there might be a men's ticket in his feet when he found it easy to take a ball round the other boys on the concrete playground of Edmonton's Montague Road school.

The goalposts at one end were chalked on the school wall. Eagerly-shed coats did duty at the other. Usually the ball was a rubber one, but when it was lost a tin can or cap would do.

Dimmock's still bright eyes mistled as he told me of those days before the First World War when life for the youngsters of Edmonton was hard, but so full of fun.

"I seemed to get on better with the tin can than most of the others," he said. "It used to be funny tricks, but I usually managed to keep it with me."

HELP FROM DAD
"And I had one advantage over the others. Dad was a cobbler, and when we moved out of the playground on to the school pitch I was always very well fixed up with boots."

Jimmy boy's boots were the envy of all the other kids. "The push ones, who could afford boots of their own, often used to ask me to get Dad to grease theirs and make them soft like mine. He never refused."

"Dad glued in the official title of Snub to the Montague Road school team. And how proud he was when I was picked for the Edmonton boys against Gillingham on the Gillingham ground."

It was Dimmock's first game on a big ground. It seems impossible to think of him as anything but a star, and so it was on his first big footballing date at Gillingham.

MY FIRST MONEY
The mayor of Gillingham went into the game and asked to see the "midfield."

"We didn't know who he meant," recalls Jimmy. "Then he came across to me and said what a nice player I was. He gave me five bob for myself and £1 to split among the rest of the boys. I suppose, being amateurs, we shouldn't have accepted it."

"But five bob for me and two each for the others represented a fortune to us kids then. Jimmy Dimmock didn't say no. I had got my first money out of the game."

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and beating him again. Said Charlie: 'You won't find them all as gentle as me if you do that stuff. Keep it up and you'll get hurt!'

Dimmock did not keep it up. He learned just how far to go, but seldom went further.

Mr. Bill Holmes, then the Orient manager, saw in Dimmock a great player of the future, and at his suggestion Jimmy began training a few hours a week with a view to signing as a professional for the club when the war ended.

"Before the 1919 season began clubs from all over London were chasing me and trying to persuade me to sign for them. But the best offer was by the Orient, and for weeks I stuck out and said I would sign only for them."

NEXT FRIDAY:
How I signed for Spurs. (COPYRIGHT)

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The Thailanders played extremely well and never stopped battling against the odds.

In both halves of the game, they went very near to leveling.

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LAST NIGHT'S BOXING

Honest Endeavour And Crude Cold Courage

By Our Boxing Reporter

Boxing came back with a bang to the Missions to Seamen last night when the Royal Navy put a team in the ring against the fighters of 74 LAA Regt Royal Artillery.

The reputation of the Missions as a place for thrills was further enhanced, for, although fist science was almost completely absent, there was enough honest endeavour and crude cold courage to satisfy even the most demanding of boxing followers.

The match was one of 10 bouts, and with six wins against four to the sailors the Army boys claimed victory by 16 points to 14.

Two of the bouts will long be remembered by all who were present not only because of the superlative displays of courage given by the contestants.

A great cheer from his colleagues greeted the entry into the ring of Bombardier "Smiler" Grant and his opponent AB Anning must have realised right away that he had been set against a real personality.

From the moment he ducked under the ropes until he left the ring "Smiler" lived right up to his nickname.

It was a contrast in styles and a tremendous battle for blows rained on both men from all angles. The bombardier's face was covered in blood long before the halfway stage was reached but it disturbed him not at all. After a glorious display of carefree hitting, undeterred by any pretence of science Grant got a verdict that must have been as close as it was popular.

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He has the power alright but he must make the openings to exploit his punch. Had he done so in this contest he might well have won, but as it was he lost, and in fact only just missed being beaten inside the distance.

For three rounds the two boxers hit each other with everything they had and human endurance had almost reached its limit—at least as far as the upright position was concerned—when the final bell sounded its sweet music. A seat on the finest throne could have brought no greater appreciation from the leg-weary and lugg-blown contestants than did the corner stools at the end.

Carter got the verdict but the sustained applause of the crowd was not for a winner or a loser but for two fighters as courageous as they come.

THE RESULTS
Here are the results of all the bouts (74 LAA first):—

Cin Hardman beat E. M. Sutherland on points.

Gnr McNamara lost to AB George on points.

Bdr Grant beat A.B. Anning on points.

Gnr Withers lost to Sly Cornell on points.

Gnr Tinsley beat O/T Hallinan on points.

Gnr Davis lost to A.B. Davis on points.

Gnr Ashley lost to L/S Rose on points.

2/Lt Carter beat O/S Anderson on points.

Bdr Dwyer beat E.M. Osbourne by KO in 1st Rd.

Bdr Ledham beat L.M.E. Trotter on points.

In a special contest A.B. Bond beat E.M. Osbourne on points.

Gnr McNamara and A.B. Nash fought a spirited exhibition and it was quickly obvious that McNamara is going to be right in among the titles before the season is very much older.

He is a clever and experienced boxer with a powerful punch in either hand and he will be an important contestant when the Land, Force and Colony Championships come around.

The arrangements were once again very good and probably the only unsatisfactory note was the indifferent refereeing in the Withers-Cornell and Tinsley-Hallinan bouts.

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Firmly in the lead in the last few minutes of the game, the title-holders delighted the crowd with a remarkable exhibition of fancy dribbling and accurate long-range passing and shooting.

Although the Taiwanese played brilliantly as a team, Ling Tien-hwang at guard must gain honourable mention for his flashy interceptions and crafty distribution of the ball.

FINAL ROUND
In the other game in the Final round, Hongkong seemed slightly off colour and went down to Singapore 83-71.

At one stage in the first half they were 18 points down but

He has the power alright but he must make the openings to exploit his punch. Had he done so in this contest he might well have won, but as it was he lost, and in fact only just missed being beaten inside the distance.

For three rounds the two boxers hit each other with everything they had and human endurance had almost reached its limit—at least as far as the upright position was concerned—when the final bell sounded its sweet music. A seat on the finest throne could have brought no greater appreciation from the leg-weary and lugg-blown contestants than did the corner stools at the end.

Carter got the verdict but the sustained applause of the crowd was not for a winner or a loser but for two fighters as courageous as they come.

THE RESULTS
Here are the results of all the bouts (74 LAA first):—

Cin Hardman beat E. M. Sutherland on points.

Gnr McNamara lost to AB George on points.

Bdr Grant beat A.B. Anning on points.

Gnr Withers lost to Sly Cornell on points.

Gnr Tinsley beat O/T Hallinan on points.

Gnr Davis lost to A.B. Davis on points.

Gnr Ashley lost to L/S Rose on points.

2/Lt Carter beat O/S Anderson on points.

Bdr Dwyer beat E.M. Osbourne by KO in 1st Rd.

Bdr Ledham beat L.M.E. Trotter on points.

In a special contest A.B. Bond beat E.M. Osbourne on points.

There have been difficulties
choosing the team owing
illness and injury.—China
Special

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"But," said one, "After that no one can say how far his legs will carry him."

The second fortnightly open athletic meeting at the Carolina Hill Stadium will be held on Sunday morning, commencing at 10.30. Entries will be accepted on the field up to 10 a.m. on Sunday, or may be addressed to the Hon. Secretary, ICA.A., P.O. Box 280, to reach the Post Office Box before noon on Saturday. There is no entry fee and no prizes will be presented. The events will be the 100 metres, 800 metres, 5,000 metres and Discus Throw for men and the 100 metres and High Jump for ladies.



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Buenos Aires, Dec. 8.
The Philippine boxer, Lito Espinosa, will meet the World Flyweight Champion, Pascual Perez of Argentina on December 30 here, in a 15-round contest for the world title. France-France.

The Australian women sports-
ingly concurred with the report
that the youthful Miss Anstey
who would not by any stretch
of the imagination have qualified
for the original team, is now
Champion of Australia, New
Zealand and Victoria.

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there exist male counterparts of
our Miss Anstey and he has
committed himself to leave
uninterrupted to find them. The
whole situation adds up in his
mind, to the best bit of good
news for years.

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SAUDI ARABIAN CAPITAL GETS FACE-LIFT

Ultra-Modern City Rising From Sands

Cairo, Dec. 8.

Riyadh, capital of Saudi Arabia, is undergoing the most extensive "face-lift" in its history, according to reports brought here by travellers from the desert Kingdom.

Not so long ago, this capital, the birthplace of King Ibn Saud, founder of Saudi Arabia and the scene of his greatest military triumph, seldom heard any sound more startling than the restless din of its busy, teeming souk (camel market place) and the occasional beep of a horn as a motor car wormed its way through the milling crowds in the narrow, dusty lanes.

Then, as oil brought great prosperity and contact with the west, bulldozers, steam-rollers, dump-trucks and cement mixers broke the quiet of the ancient Arab Bedouin community, tearing down old houses, clearing ground, cutting off debris and pouring tons of fresh concrete.

Riyadh, today, is building sumptuous palaces for its silted-richly emirs, palatial villas and beautiful gardens for its wealthy, powerful sheikhs, modern, ten-story high administrative buildings for its government officials, and fine hotels for its guests.

Match For Any

Streets measuring only ten feet across are being converted into boulevards five times that width to cope with the ever-growing motor traffic.

In the heart of the burning Arabian deserts, Riyadh stands today a new, ultra-modern, entirely air-conditioned city, a match for Sao Paulo or any of the most modern cities in the world.

Paradoxically, it boasts little, if any, Arabic or Islamic art. Only one large mosque, the "Westminster Abbey" of the Wahhabis, marks a capital of Islam.

Dr. Said Karim, a famous Cairo architect and graduate of Zurich University, is largely responsible for its new architecture, which combines function and form. Along Prince Faisal Street, he has built an imposing array of Government buildings. He designed the Ministries of Agriculture, Defence, Education and Communications in the shape of their opening letter in the Latin alphabet—A for Agriculture, C for Communications, D for defence. All these 300-room buildings are air-conditioned and equipped with pneumatic circulation for documents.

The official Majlis, or Royal Council Chamber, where King Saud traditionally meets his subjects, the new Saudi Military Academy and a new Town Hall, as well as several big hotels, are in various stages of completion.

Dr. Karim has also disguised a dozen palaces for Emir Mohamed bin Abdel Aziz, Emir Talal bin Abdel Aziz and other members of the Royal Family.

Stronghold

The new Riyadh is a series of oases in which Swiss and Spanish-style cottages with swimming pools and tennis courts dominate the skyline, with their deep green tiles and pastel-coloured windows, contrasting with the brown desert sands all round.

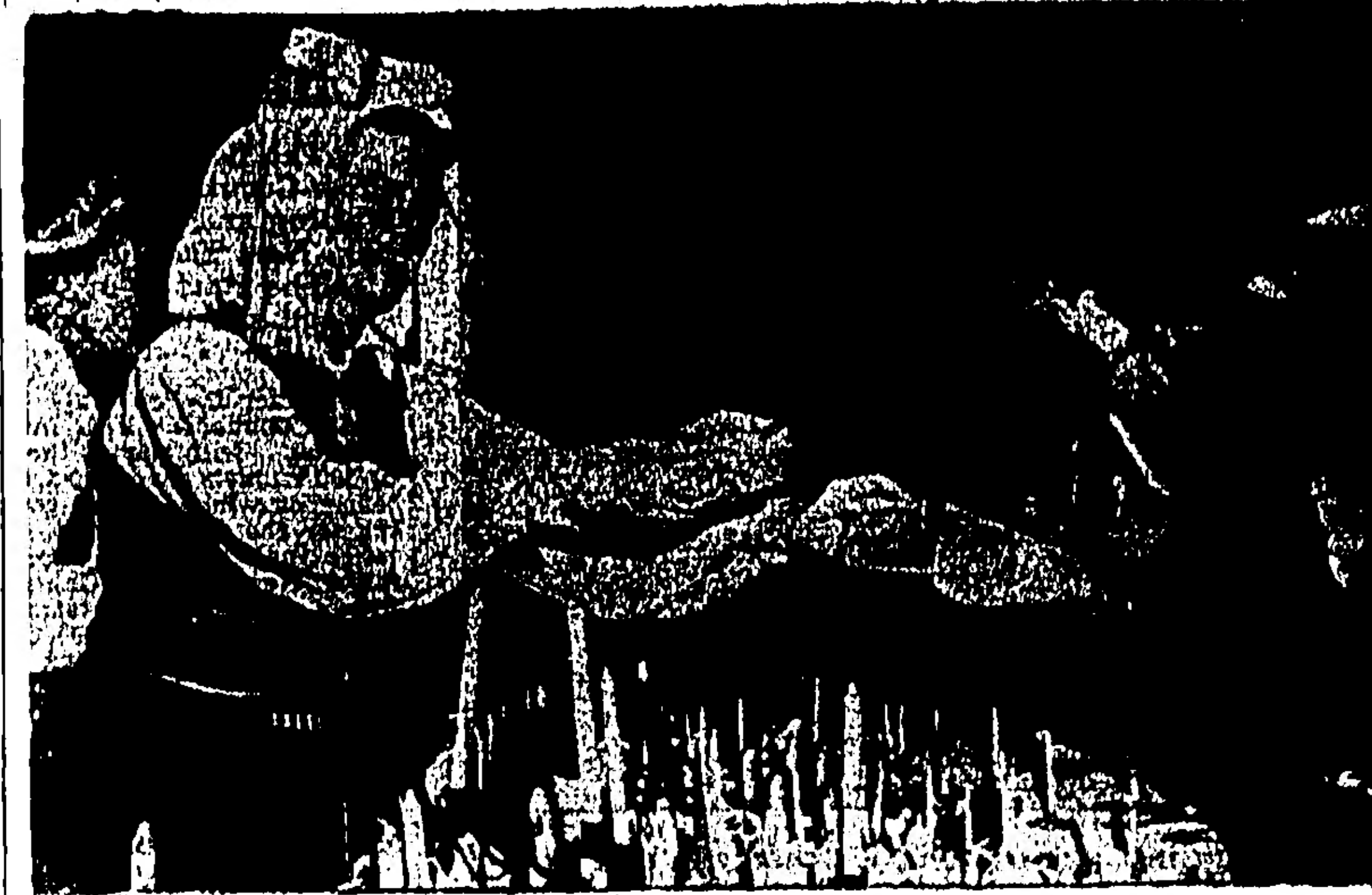
Riyadh, traditional stronghold of the Saud family and the Wahhabi ruling dynasty, lies in an open wadi at the bottom of a rocky slope.

Riyadh was built near the ancient, defeated capital of Berydth early in the 18th century.

The warlike Nedjeans considered it an ill omen to rebuild and reinhabit a town fatally overthrown, so they transplanted the seat of government and its entire population to a desert oasis nearby.

Thanks to the discovery of oil in the eastern part of the country and the wealth which it has brought, Riyadh today boasts a population of 100,000. It stands on the trans-Arabian caravan route from Hama to the holy shrines at Mecca, and is also the western terminus of the first railway across the Arabian desert since Colonel T. E. Lawrence destroyed the Hadjaz railway in 1917.

Modern streamlined trains now run on this railway, 350 miles across the steppes from Dammam, on the Persian Gulf,



Swedish Xmas Fair In London

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11
 By Air
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 Japan, 6 p.m.
 By Surface
 Macao, 1 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12
 By Surface
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 Burma, India, Noon.
 Macao, 1 p.m.
 Korea, 1 p.m.
 Canada, 1 p.m.
 Indo-China, Thailand, 3 p.m.
 Macao, 6 p.m.

Serving customers at the annual Swedish Christmas Fair in London is pretty Kerstin Hewitson, dressed in traditional costume. The fair was opened by Madame Gubna Hagglor, wife of the Swedish Ambassador to the United Kingdom.—Express Photo.

Bomber Crashes

Honolulu, Dec. 8.
 A twin-engine Navy patrol bomber with a crew of 10 crashed at sea last night and a submarine picked up three survivors while planes and ships hunted for more.
 The submarine, USS Bashaw, picked up the survivors less than two hours after the P-2V plane crashed 20 miles off the shore of Kauai Island.—United Press.

Workmen Buried

Paris, Dec. 8.
 An almost completed building in Libourne, southwest France, collapsed today burying several workmen in the debris. First reports said 14 men were buried in the ruins. The building was to house a multiple store offices and flats.—China Mail Special.

East German Youth To Have New 'Gay Life'

Berlin, Dec. 8.

East Germany's Communist youth leaders have taken revolutionary measures to give the 2,000,000-strong State Youth Movement a new, "gay life."

Banning almost all deskwork, hitherto a salient feature of the movement, from district and local offices, leaders, according to Jung Welt, the daily youth newspaper, have been forbidden to:

1. Ask for or make written reports, except cash statements, monthly statistics and bi-weekly accounts of the local group's political activities;
2. To draft or issue any directives and circular letters—known to be the main occupation hitherto of youth officials;
3. To draft or pass any resolutions except decisions to improve their own group's activities;
4. To take any paper to official meetings except a document on the monthly plan of youth activities.

their sceptres over the gay mass of youth until Ash Wednesday next February.

Giving Advice

One such merry-making party demonstratively "broke up" a youth officials' meeting at Brandeburg, near Berlin, in quick response to the new orders.

Jung Welt has even been giving girls advice on the use of cosmetics. "Do not put lipstick on before you dress because your frock may get stained," it told them, and added: "You can use more powder in the evening, because a powdered face looks better under illumination."

One sign of the new policy is the new policy has been a gradual deviation from the previous Communist party line condemning jazz music as "decadent." East German radio stations are now giving regular jazz lessons accompanied by records reflecting the entire musical development from the New Orleans style to Be-bop.

Newspapers began to publish large-size photographs of Louis Armstrong describing him in the captions as "the King of Jazz" and a noted music critic said: "I have not regretted attending a recent concert in West Berlin given by Armstrong, from whom our bands can learn a lot."

Make Life Easier

The aim of this reversal of East Germany's youth policy, observers here agree, is to make life easier and more pleasant for the young people so that they will not want to flee to the West.

A daily average of 300 young East Germans under 25 years of age have sought asylum in West Berlin during the past month, and East German state leaders have frankly admitted that they are worried about such a mass movement, particularly by young skilled workers. In addition, the mass flight of young people reduces the reserves available for the East German armed forces.—China Mail Special.

US Still Backs Philippines For UN Seat

United Nations, Dec. 8.

The United States will continue to back the candidature of the Philippines for the vacant seat on the United Nations Security Council, Mr. Henry Cabot Lodge, chief American UN delegate said here today.

Mr. Lodge, who was speaking at a luncheon given by the United Nations Press Correspondents Association, said the United States would not suggest a compromise solution that would involve backing any other government for the Security Council seat. He added the US Government considered the Asian African "Bandung" powers under-represented on the Council and pointed out that none of the other Bandung nations had protested against the Philippines candidature.

Deadlocked

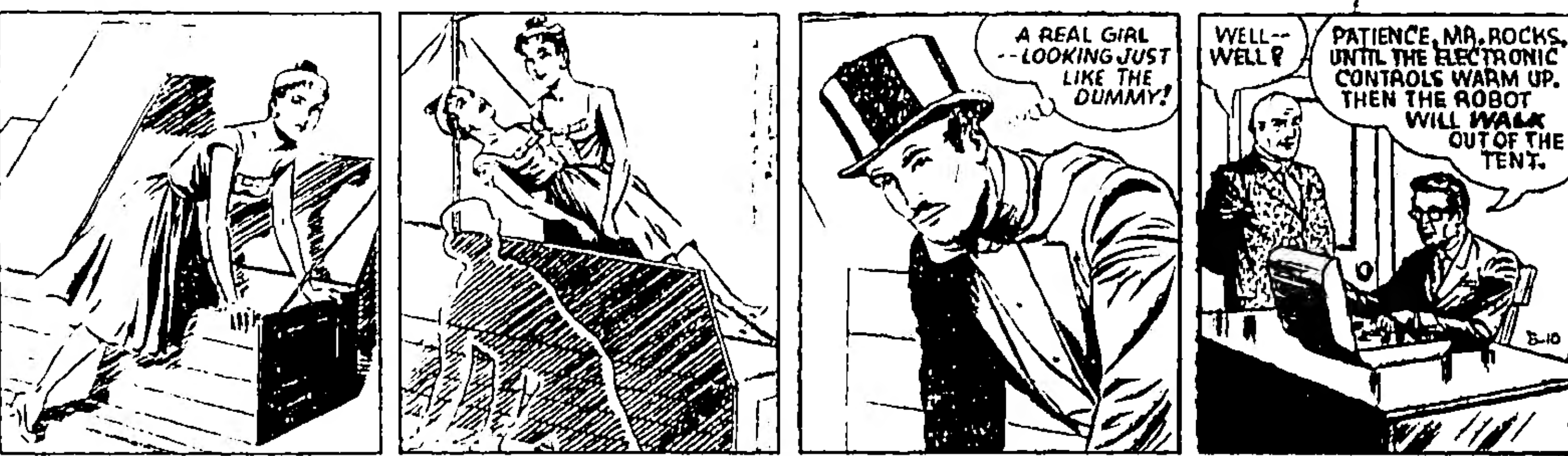
The Philippines and Yugoslavia—the European candidates—have so far deadlocked the UN Assembly voting for the vacant Council seat. Neither country has obtained the required majority for election.

Mr. Lodge was asked by a newspaperman if President Eisenhower had a reply to his second message to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek urging the latter not to veto Outer Mongolia's admission to the United Nations. "I know, but I can't tell you," Mr. Lodge said.—France-Press.

Dinner at Tarr's latest restaurant can now be without overcoats in the heavy winter night air outside with not so much as a shiver. Experimental body-warm heating lamps warm them from above. Waiters have also been equipped with heat-ray tubes from the neck down to the knees.

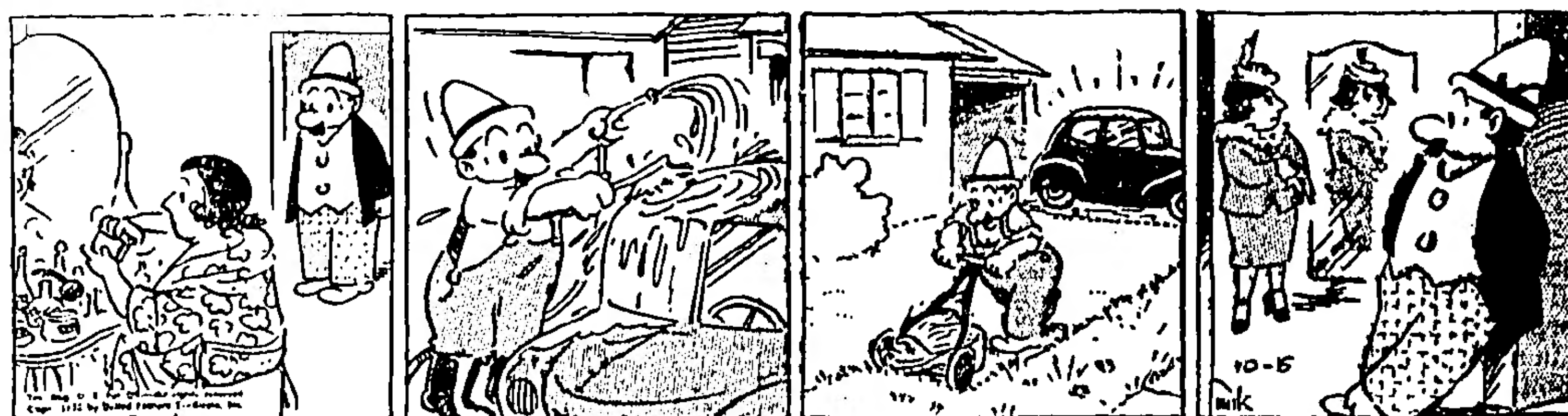
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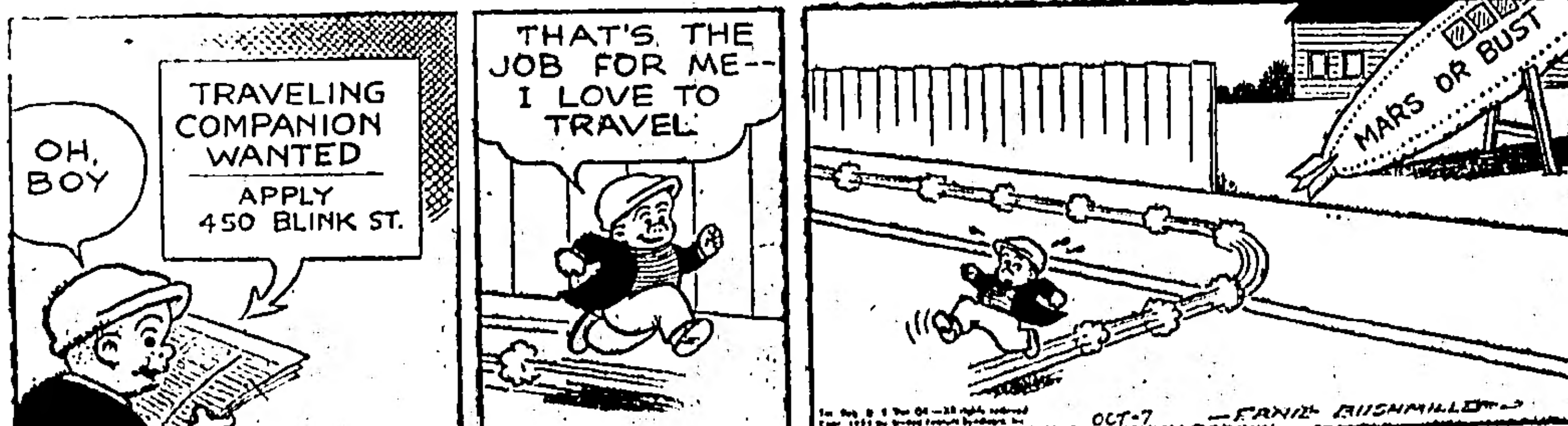
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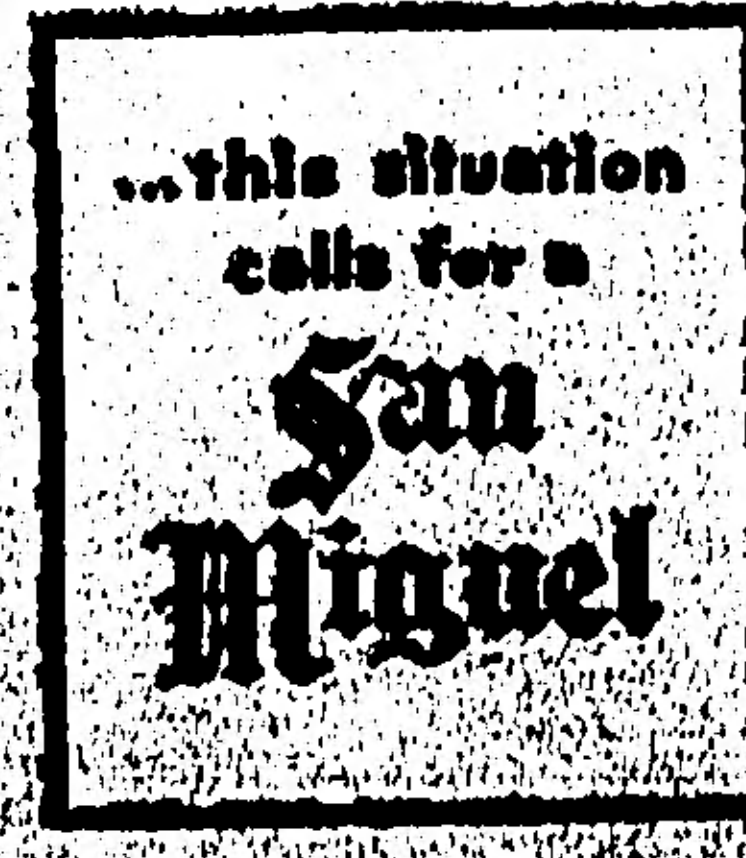
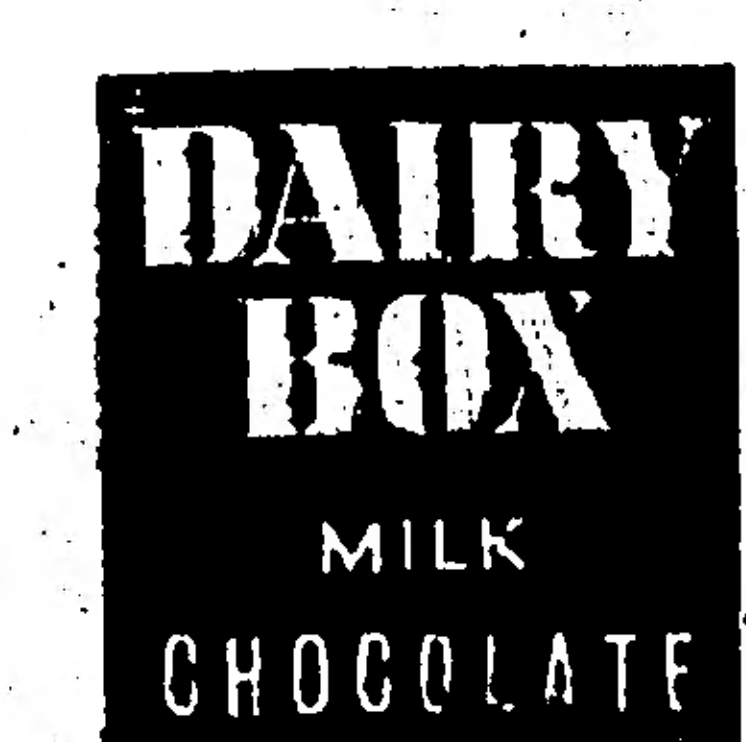
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The Mocking-Bird

THE role that Lucy thinks suits her best is that of a lady of leisure. The mocking-bird from its perch somewhere out of Lucy's reach and out of her sight, sings to her shrilly all day long that leisure and laughter and luxury should be her lot. And Lucy believes it all.

She is a tall, slim, pretty girl of 23, whose black hair tumbles over her shoulders, and whose scarlet lips frame a generous mouth.

Four years ago, Lucy married WORK AND PERIAPS she was at fault, perhaps her husband was whichever, the marriage did not last long. Lucy returned home to live with her mother.

She got a job as a shop assistant, kept it for nearly a year, then left. She took work in a factory, and was there for about the same length of time before what had been, a suspicion grew into a certainty with her—work was better left to other people.

The only other person who had immediately won her satisfaction, found a job she could do in the evenings, after the household chores were done, and thus help to support her daughter.

SINCE the beginning of this year, Lucy has lived that sort of life of leisure—lying late in bed in the mornings, idling her way through her days, seeking such fun as she might in the evenings. It was the kind of life that would have been most people stiff, but it did not bore Lucy.

One evening recently, however, Lucy did find herself momentarily at a loss for something to do. She had no money, and most of the things that Lucy enjoyed cost money.

There was only one source of the article in the house. The gas meter, Lucy forced it with a clothes-hook, and helped herself to the 22 it contained.

IT was some weeks before Lucy's crime was discovered, but when the police called Lucy had a story ready. "It was my friend did it," she said. "That boy that's on a demand for another job."

The police questioned the young man who was awaiting trial on another matter. They came away satisfied that Lucy's crime was all her own doing. At Marlborough Street she pleaded guilty to the charge of stealing £2 from the Gas Board.

The police told the story to Mr. K. J. P. Barracough. When they had done, the magistrate asked Lucy what she had to say.

NEW SORT OF LEISURE Lucy tapped the floor of the dock with the toe of her shoe, and looked back her head and said: "Nothing."

"This girl's mother is here," the policeman said. "She says her daughter's trouble is that she's inclined to be lazy."

The magistrate nodded and asked Mrs. Gray, the probation officer, whether she knew anything about Lucy. "Yes," Mrs. Gray said. "The mother came to me four months ago, very worried because this girl wouldn't do any work."

"She sounds frightfully drift. This sounds a very likely case for you," the magistrate said. Mrs. Gray nodded.

Suddenly Lucy opened her scarlet lips. "Can I say something?" she asked. "Well, I would go to work," she went on. "Only there's this young fellow, and he's the cause of my nerves and."

"We'll let the doctor look at your nerves," said the magistrate. He remanded Lucy in custody for a medical report. "Well, of all the," Lucy said, and she turned and marched out at a spanking pace. The mocking-bird had changed its tune and sang of a frightening new sort of leisure.

Seat Retained With Bigger Majority

Greenock, Scotland, Dec. 9. The British Labour Party today held its seat in a Greenock parliamentary by-election by a significantly increased majority.

The Labour candidate, Dr. J. D. Mabon, had a majority of 2,004 compared with 1,033 votes by which the late Mr. Hector McNeill won the seat at the general election last May. The result declared early today was: Dr. J. D. Mabon (Labour) 19,098, Ian MacArthur (Conservative) 17,004. This was Labour's second local election success in 24 hours. Yesterday a Labour candidate recorded a 2-1 victory in Gateshead, Northeast England, slightly increasing the Party's share of the poll. Gateshead is a Labour stronghold but the port of Greenock was regarded as highly sensitive to slight changes of opinion.

Greenock voters had a chance to reflect the swing of sentiment towards the Labour Party after the retirement 24 hours earlier of Mr. Clement Attlee as Party leader.—Reuter.

19 Terrorists Rounded Up

Constantine, Dec. 8. The police wiped out an entire terrorist organization here in a vast dragnet operation carried out during the past few days.

The roundup operation netted 19 youthful terrorists, ranging in ages from 18 to 30 years, who have since made complete confessions, the police said.

The organization was responsible for some 20 murders or attempted murders and several bomb attacks carried out since May 1.

The roundup operation also netted 10 pistols, four home made bombs, 43 sticks of dynamite, some 30 yards of dynamite fuse and 10 dynamite caps.

—France-Press.

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Will Not Easily Be Duped

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the undoing of the present injustice which separates 17,000,000 Germans from the great body of their fellows.

The Secretary also urged the Western European nations "to continue to develop their unity, not merely for defence, but also for well-being."

He said that he hoped the forthcoming NATO ministerial meeting would "lighten the bonds which join the 15 NATO partners" and said: "There is also a need for unity on a more intimate basis among the continental nations themselves."

The Secretary said that the development of European unity, particularly along lines such as the European "coal and steel" community, "is bound to exert a powerful influence on Eastern European countries. If the Western European countries find, in unity, increased prosperity, there will be increasing pressure in the satellite countries for independent Governments responsive to the needs and aspirations of the people."

"This may speed the day when the Soviet rulers will come to realize that to hold these Eastern European nations in subjugation involves an obsolete reactionary practice, entailing costs, moral and material, far outweighing the seeming advantages."

NEW TARGETS

Mr. Dulles said: "The Soviet rulers, balked in their effort to extend their influence by force, have picked the underdeveloped countries of the world 'as targets of their guile.'"

"The Soviet people seriously lack many of the commodities of everyday living," he continued. "The satellite peoples are particularly exploited and their standards of living have been seriously reduced. But the Soviet rulers find it easy to neglect these needs while professing concern for the welfare of those whom they call colonial and dependent peoples."

He said that since last spring the Russian "phase of violence" seems to have undergone an eclipse. But we should remember that one of the doctrines taught by Lenin and constantly emphasized by Stalin was the need for zigzag in prudence, therefore we must act on the assumption that the present Soviet policies do not mark a change of purpose but a change of tactics."

Declaring that the United States does not "want policies of violence to reappear," he said that it was important to remember that it was the collective security policies of the Western Powers which have "caused the Soviet Union to shift."

—United Press.

Attlee's Title Forecast

London, Dec. 8. Mr. Clement Attlee may become the Earl of Dorking, it was reported tonight.

The Attlee family has been in business in Dorking, in the county of Surrey, for many years.—United Press.

Harry Ore Given Ovation At Concert

This first concert this season of the Sino-British Orchestra under its regular conductor, Prof. Arrigo Ron, was held last night at Queen's College. The attendance was most encouraging, and was understandable in view of the special nature of this concert, which was a 70th birthday celebration for Prof. Harry Ore who has long been well-known in Hongkong musical circles both on account of his work for music and his genial character.

The first half of the concert was devoted to two standard works, the Overture to Weber's "Euryanthe" and Haydn's "Clock" Symphony, No. 101. During the Overture, the Orchestra, who had not performed in that hall for some time (except for the School concert the previous day) was "playing itself in" and seemed a little diffident and not quite at ease until the last quarter. Haydn's "Clock" Symphony, however,

received a very fine performance. The first violins played throughout with a nice delicacy, and in spite of their fairly small numbers, were clear and vigorous. The "ticking" in the slow movement was effectively given by the lower strings. This is one of Haydn's loveliest and warmest symphonies, and the standard of performance last night was comparable with that of many fully professional orchestras.

After the interval, came Prof. Harry Ore's music, first two short orchestral pieces, "Album Leaf in C" is a fragmentary, pleasantly evocative, little item in a quasiclassical form, being a melody of eight bars repeated with many variants. "Golden Rain from the Weeping Willow" is a lyrical arrangement of a popular Cantonese folk song, and has been most effectively scored by Prof. Ore. It was interesting to compare his treatment with that of Mr. Lin

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I know I put my billfold in here, Mr. Schultz—it looks like some pickpocket beat you to it this time!"

Stage Club Presents "The Miser"

Personal Triumph For Rei Oblitas

Last night's performance of "The Miser" was a personal triumph for Rei Oblitas. Rarely has a prestige play received such a reception, and rarely, on the Hongkong stage, has a part calling for such sustained acting been given such excellent treatment. Oblitas went through the whole gamut of emotions; it was a convincing and truer to life than life itself.

Yet the supporting cast stood out well, right down to the smallest part. It was evident that nothing had been left to chance, and that stage direction had proceeded with scrupulous attention to detail.

I should make it clear right away that "The Miser" by Moliere, is everyone's play. It is a full of surprises, odd twists, and the most unexpected ending, so that the audience sat tight in their seats until the curtain fell.

QUITE A MISER

Once he is in character, we get to know what kind of miser we are dealing with. He is prepared to marry off his daughter Elise (Christine McDonald) quickly to save finding a dowry, while the thought of having to provide a supper reduces him, and us, to tears. His cook-cum-coachman, Jacques (Roland Dalrymple) not only has to feed the horses out of his own pocket, but is expected to provide the supper in the same way. Even attractive Frosine (Audrey Mendes) who would have most men running in circles, is unable to coax him to think out of the old skin.

The atmosphere was so catching that during the first interval the bar was almost empty. The only action the Miser performed that is heartily approved

by the male section of the audience is his shameless selection of an attractive young girl, Mariane (June Armstrong-Wright) as a bride-to-be.

By this time everything is in a tangle, and honour and justice seem to rest on the shoulders of Elise's lover, Valere (Christopher Lambert) who manages to get in a bit of courting while he is not stewarding for the old man.

GREAT FUN

But as is bound to happen the Miser's treasure is stolen, and suspicion falls on Valere although the real culprit is La Fleche (John Chambers). From then on the plot travels quickly whilst a JP (Maurice Groombridge) and a long lost father (Alan Huggins) add confusion to confusion. It is great fun and extremely clever, for I think no one has surpassed Moliere as a playwright in exploiting human folly.

The production by R. Oblitas and Teddy Spong is slick, while the set, a sort of stage impressionism, is extremely effective. I do not think anyone will seriously disagree when I say that this is one of the most polished performances we have seen in Hongkong since the war.—John Laif.

New Official JP

H.E. the Governor has appointed Mr. J. W. Browett to be an official Justice of the Peace for the Colony of Hongkong. It was announced in the Government Gazette today.

Bigamy Trial Ends Abruptly: Accused Discharged

The trial of a 23-year-old student, John Himmon, charged with bigamy, came to an abrupt end when Mr. D. E. Greenfield, Crown Counsel, offered no further evidence against accused during the testimony of a Chinese law expert before Judge A. D. Scholes at the Victoria District Court this morning.

Judge Scholes then found the accused not guilty and discharged him.

This morning, Mr. Him-yuen Loo, Barrister-at-law, who had been practising in China and was at one time Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canton, testified that if one of the six ceremonies carried in a Chinese marriage was missing, this would make the marriage invalid.

Mr. Greenfield then asked for the Court's indulgence and returned a little later. He said he had no evidence that the six ceremonies were actually carried out during the alleged wedding between the accused and Chiu Yuet-ching and would therefore offer no further evidence.

The accused was represented by Mr. Francis Wong, of Messrs C. Y. Kwan and Co. He was alleged to have married a woman on July 10, 1955, during the life of his wife Chiu Yuet-ching.

The accused is facing another charge of perjury, the hearing of which was adjourned to this afternoon.

Ticket Scalper Fined \$250

Kwong Kwai, a 28-year-old stone mason residing at 432 Queen's Road West, ground floor, was fined \$250 or two months, by Mr. F. X. D'Almeida at Central today, for black-marketing cinema tickets.

On December 8, defendant was seen offering for sale, six front stall tickets for the Tal Ping Theatre valued at 70 cents each, for 90 cents.

His Worship said that it was people like defendant who stopped poor people from going to shows, and having something to do in their spare time. Defendant had two previous convictions for a similar offence.

Tenders For New Ferry Service

Tenders were invited in the Government Gazette today for a licence for the exclusive right to maintain a ferry service for the conveyance of passengers between Shaikwan, Reindeer's Mill, Yuen Chau and Hongkai within the harbour limits and within partially sheltered waters.

The licence is for a period of three years, beginning February 1, 1956.

Sealed tenders in duplicate will be received at the office of the Chairman of the Tender Board, Colonial Secretariat, Government Offices, Lower Albert Road, until noon on December 23.

Dumped Rubbish

Li Kei, 36-year-old foreman of the Sun Wai Company, was this morning fined \$100 for illegally dumping rubbish when he appeared before Mr. F. X. D'Almeida at Central Magistrate's Court.

The prosecution stated that defendant was arrested on December 8 outside No. 10 Smithfield Road where he had dumped rubbish consisting of debris and earth.

Before defendant was arrested he had been warned by Mr. R. Pereira Crown Land Officer.

Ranks Confirmed

H.E. the Governor has approved the confirmation in rank of the following members of the Hongkong Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve. It was announced in the Government Gazette today: I. H. G. Thomson (Lieutenant), A. D. Scholes (Lieutenant), E. V. Shaw (Lieutenant), E. G. W. Weldon (Lieutenant), R. W. Clegg (Lieutenant-Commander).

SEPT. DEFICIT

A deficit of \$1,078,044.38 in the finances of the Colony for the month of September was recorded in the financial statement published in the Government Gazette today.

Revenue for the month amounted to \$30,521,610.08, while expenditure came to \$31,599,654.46. The general revenue balance now stands at \$225,191,108.01.

Man Who Knew Capone "Very Well" Murdered

Chicago, Dec. 8. Alex "Louie" Greenberg, who was once connected with the Capone mob business ventures, was fatally shot and stabbed tonight as he left a restaurant on the City's South Side.

Greenberg 64, was attacked by two men as he and his wife Pearl approached their parked car.

Mrs. Greenberg said that one of the assailants stabbed her husband in the chest and the other shot him in the head. She was in a hysterical condition.

Police expressed doubt that robbery was the motive.

The dapper Greenberg, who admitted making business loans to syndicate members before the Kefauver Crime Committee, had dined with his wife at the Hickory Pit at 29th and Union Streets.

GIVEN NO CHANCE

His wife told the police that two men suddenly "sprang from nowhere" to accost them.

"Before he had a chance, he was dead," she said.

In his appearance before the Senate Crime Committee, the wealthy Greenberg admitted knowing Al Capone "very well." He told the Committee he came to the United States from Russia in 1905.

Greenberg's current position was President of the Manhattan Brewing Company, which he purchased from the widow of Dean O'Banion, an early casualty among Chicago's gang warlords.—United Press.

Charged With Killing A Negro

Sumner, Miss., Dec. 8. A white man charged with the murder of a "highly respected" Negro service station worker faces a hearing on Monday in the same dingy courtroom where two other white men were freed on murder charges in the notorious "wolf whistle" slaying.

The Tallahatchie County sheriff, H. C. Strider, who played a prominent part in the sensational Emmett Till murder case last September, said today that three Justices of the Peace would hold a preliminary hearing for Elmer Kimbrell, a 30-year-old cotton gin manager.

Kimbrell was charged with the fatal shooting of Clinton Melton, 33, a Negro service station worker, after an argument over the purchase of some gasoline. The three Justices will decide if the case should be turned over to a Grand Jury for an indictment.

Civic-minded whites termed the victim one of the "finest" Negroes in the community and pledged that justice would prevail.

Kimbrell, held in goal at nearby Charleston, stuck to his story that he shot Melton in self-defense despite his own statement that the Negro had no gun.—United Press.

Fire Razes Seminary

Quebec City, Dec. 8. Fire destroyed the seminary of St. Sacrament Church here tonight, but none of the 42 student priests was injured. Firemen estimated the loss at more than \$1,000,000.

The Rev. Joseph Theroult, Superior of the seminary, wept as the flames consumed the 10-year-old structure.—United Press.

3 DIE IN FIRE

Tokyo, Dec. 8. Police reported a fire in Sokihara Village, Niigata Prefecture, Northern Japan, today killed one girl and two boys and destroyed a two-story Japanese style restaurant.—China Mail Special.

The Queen's Esquadrille, comprising: Miss Alice M. Smith, who is a Vice Consul for the United States of America at Hongkong, has received Her Majesty's signature. It was announced in the Government Gazette today.

Latest Government Appointments

In accordance with instructions received from Her Majesty the Queen through the Secretary of State for the Colonies, H.E. the Governor has appointed Mr. D. R. Holmes to be an Official Member of the Legislative Council. It was announced in the Government Gazette today.

It was also announced that Dr. G. Graham-Cumming has been appointed Deputy Director of Medical and Health Services.

Other appointments gazetted were: Mr. P. Donohue to be Assistant Director of Education; Mr. Cheong Wai-tung to be Senior Education Officer; Mr. C. G. Lowe to be Senior Education Officer; Mr. F. E. L. Carter to be Director of Audit; Mr. Fong Yick-tai, Chief Inspector of Police, to be Assistant Superintendent of Police; Mr. R. W. Bocker to be Acting Senior Radiographer, during the absence of Mr. Willsher.